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THAT'S A WRAP

The Cowl Wishes You a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy End of Semester!

Providence PD the Heroes In Off-Campus Break-In

by Dennis Lynch '12
News Staff

Last Saturday night, an off-campus house inhabited by Providence College students was the site of a failed armed robbery. The perpetrators were charged with attempted assault with a deadly weapon. Providence Police's fast response time resulted in the robbers being apprehended shortly after the crime was reported. No one was injured in the incident, and the stolen items were returned to the students.

The five senior residents of 122-124 Pembroke Ave. returned to their house with a group of friends from Senior Night at McPhail's around 2 a.m. Though most of the group entered through the front door of the first floor, one resident opened the door to the second floor. A second resident was

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A Very **Colorful**
Cowl Christmas

Dodgeball Tournament Raises Money for Boys and Girls Club

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

Over 100 students participated in a dodgeball tournament of epic proportions last Friday, Dec. 2, in Peterson Recreation Center to raise money for the Wanskuck Boys and Girls Club. Kaitlyn Dell'Aquila '12, Charlotte Rinkus '12, Megan Murphy '12, and Laura Veharanta '12 organized this event as a project for their Sports Marketing and Management class, and it was a huge success.

The group chose to organize a dodgeball tournament because it is a simple but competitive sport that everyone can play. The girls really wanted people to stick around and have fun even when they weren't playing, so lawn games, basketballs, hula-hoops, and other equipment were provided for the teams' entertainment. A losers-bracket was also included in the tournament to allow teams to play as many games as possible.

The group wanted to choose a charity for its project that would help make the city of Providence safe for children. They thought that no better place helps kids stay busy and teaches them to be productive citizens than the Boys and Girls Club. As for the organizing process, Dell'Aquila said, "It was a lot of work and the last week leading up to the event was crazy, but it was so rewarding. We had no idea how many people were going to come, and watching everyone rush down the stairs to Peterson at 3 p.m. was awesome. It was great to see our friends and strangers coming to support the cause and have fun, especially on a Friday afternoon."

The event charged five dollars per participant, and students signed up with teams consisting of six or more players. In addition to some fierce competition on the court, the coordinators also provided free pizza, drinks, and a live DJ. This event was co-sponsored by Student Affairs, who provided the pizza and drinks, and Dell'Aquila expressed her sincere

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PC's Sports Marketing and Management students organized a dodgeball tournament for the Wanskuck Boys and Girls Club. This event raised over \$1,000 for the organization.

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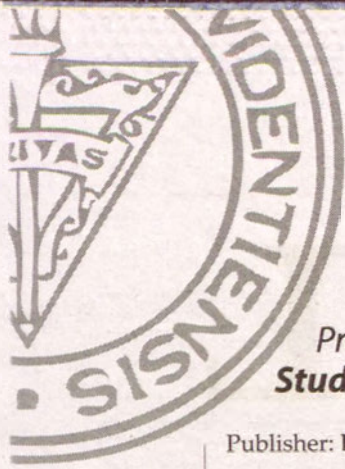
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Oh, Christmas Tree

This past Tuesday, R.I. Governor Lincoln Chafee held a "holiday tree lighting" outside of the Rhode Island state house. Although we here at *The Cowl* respect and defend the separation of church and state, we feel that Chafee has gone a little bit too far this year.

The Cowl isn't here to make a theological commentary on the matter. But as a news outlet, we find ourselves focused on the facts. And the fact is this: That festively adorned object outside the State House is called a Christmas tree. Ask any Christian or non-Christian you know, and they'll tell you the same.

We feel that by precipitating this "holiday tree" controversy, Chafee has unnecessarily instilled a season of giving and community with a political charge that clashes with the spirit of the season. By feeling the need to ignore the traditional name, Chafee has not resolved religious differences; in fact, he has drawn more attention to them than ever.

What did the Christmas tree do to deserve all this fuss? Never has this symbol tread upon any non-Christians' rights. We are yet to meet a non-Christian man or woman who objects to seeing a Christmas tree, or even calling a Christmas tree by its proper name. Yes, the tree is an age-old symbol of a Christian holiday—but those of any faith can find value in the messages of love, joy, and peace that it conveys.

We here at *The Cowl* wonder how far things will go in the coming years. If it's "holiday tree" this year, who knows what it will be in the years to come? Nothing says "yuletide cheer" quite like secular a non-inflammatory state-authorized arboreal illumination.








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Congress Meets to Conclude First Semester

by Matthew Daniele '15
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Due to finals next week, Student Congress gathered on Tuesday for their final meeting before holiday break. There were officially two meetings held subsequently in order to pass various pieces of legislature in time for the new semester. The meeting started off with an announcement that the safety issue on Huxley Avenue will be brought forth by Steve Maurano to City Council. The school's plans to aggregate various incident reports regarding the street are currently in progress. Hopefully, all of them will

be addressed by the end of holiday break. The class of 2014 stated that legislature regarding studying abroad has been pushed to next semester, as well as a meeting for off-campus housing in order to make it more accessible to students. The freshman class reported "great success" with the clothing distribution, which will continue for the next couple of days. BOP detailed next week's study breaks at McPhail's, in addition to their many Christmas-themed events. Featuring free food each night at 9 p.m., the schedule is: La Creperie on Sunday, Antonio's on Monday, Chipotle on Tuesday, Dunkin' Donuts on Wednesday, East Side Pockets on

Thursday, and Newport Creamery on Friday. For old business, the student body voted on the range of authority the legislation has on various clubs and sports. They passed an amendment stating that club sports (since nothing can be offered to them other than money) will now be under the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Affairs. Club sports already default to the Office of Student Affairs, but now it is officially recognized in the constitution. Also, an amendment was passed to change the hours of the Student Health Center on campus. It was proposed that the hours should be extended to 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. on weeknights, in addition to adding four to six hours for the weekend (currently, the center is closed on weekends). Over 220 students answered a survey on their opinions of the Health Center. Approximately 180 students said they used its services before, and that making an appointment within 12 hours was easy. One hundred and ninety students answered that they believe it should be open on the weekends, and the majority of those said that four to six hours on the weekends would suffice. The surveyors looked at other schools similar to Providence College and their health centers. For example, Fairfield University's student population is roughly the same as PC's, and their health center is open Monday to Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with walk-ins allowed. The amount of staffing or budget that changing the hours would require is still undetermined. The meeting was joined by the head of the Student Health Center, Ms. Kelleher. She voiced that students with

minor issues would usually have an appointment the same day or within 12 hours if it was scheduled after 4 p.m. Students who have serious issues or who need medical attention would always be seen as soon as possible, even with past center hours. Kelleher also noted that there have been no substantial, direct complaints to the Health Center yet, but she is eager to serve the students. There was also a ruling on installing a snack machine in the Smith Center for the Arts. At the time of the ruling, however, it was already installed, so the legislation was amended to read that the machine has already been installed. It was nearly unanimously passed. A running club was proposed in which students can run regardless of ability or desire to race. There were some discrepancies on whether the Running Club was to be considered a club sport or not. It was clarified that the club would be considered a "special interest club," since there was no emphasis on competition. The Running Club's proposers claimed that the club does not need much funding other than for transportation needs. The potential longevity of the club was doubted by some; however, they assured Congress that running will bring together a close community, and the club will prevail. Steve Sears, interim vice president of Student Affairs, is an avid runner who claims that running will benefit students all around and fits into the school's mission statement. One advocate said that the club will encourage interaction with the city of Providence by participating in races such as half marathons and 5Ks. The Running Club was passed after months of work that began in September.

This Week In Congress

Issues

- Running Club Approved*
The Running Club became an approved club. The club is open to all runners, regardless of skill and ability.
- Health Center Hours Changed*
Student Congress approved changes to the Student Health Center. The Student Health Center's new proposed hours include four to six hours on weekend days. The center is currently closed on weekends.
- Club Sports*
Student Congress no longer has jurisdiction over club sports. Club sports are now in the Office of Student Affairs.
- Snack Machine in Smith Center*
A snack machine was installed in the Smith Center for the Arts.

A Word from Student Congress President, Michael Maggio

Members of the Providence College Community:

As the end of the semester approaches and we eagerly anticipate spending time with our families and friends, I wanted to take a moment to reflect upon the past few months and to provide an update on some of the initiatives that your Student Congress has pursued thus far. For those of you unfamiliar with the organization, Congress is composed of approximately 80 students, who advocate on behalf of the student body and collaborate with the faculty, staff, and administration, to provide new programs and improve upon existing services that affect the quality of the student experience. The group is comprised of class officers, who represent constituents from within each of the four undergraduate classes, as well as committee members who work to address specific areas of interest ranging from student life, to academics, clubs and organizations, community outreach, and other areas of student life. For the members of our organization, the beginning of the semester was an especially exciting time, as we witnessed the implementation of programs that had been initiated by previous Congresses. We saw the launch of ZipCar® and the PC Pedals program, both intended to increase the transportation offerings of the college. Among the many structural improvements that took place over the summer were renovations to improve accessibility. Such concerns had been raised by a current student and were pursued on his behalf. Within Student Congress, some important changes have taken place as well. In the hopes of offering more opportunities for student involvement and to increase the breadth of perspective of our group, we offered committee positions to freshmen for the very first time. Additionally, the Legislative Affairs committee has been working hard to better define the responsibilities of members of Student Congress and to rectify inconsistencies within our Constitution and Standing Legislation, so that they better reflect our processes. Through legislation and "behind the scene" efforts, your class officers and committee members have pushed a number of initiatives. Among other things, the Outreach Committee assisted in the planning of events such as Late Night Madness and continued to improve Pumpkinfest, with the addition of horse-drawn hayrides around campus. The Academics Committee collected student feedback about the recently instituted Freshman Common Reading Program, while the Clubs and Organizations Committee helped to propose new clubs, such as the Running Club and the Armenian Society. Additionally, Student Life gathered input regarding student sentiments about McPhail's and continually worked with Sodexo and Business Services to improve dining services in accordance with student requests. The class officers have also been quite busy bringing forth student concerns about the availability of appointment times within the Health Center and collaborating with offices such as Careers Services, in order to bring junior and senior "Jumpstart" programs. The SAIL Office has been invaluable in their support for class events, ranging from senior nights to Junior Ring Weekend. More than anything, on behalf of Student Congress, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the students and the employees of Providence College, who have generously donated their time and efforts to support these projects and our organization. We sincerely hope that you have a relaxing break and enjoy this holiday season, and, as always, we encourage you to come to Student Congress with any concerns, complaints, or ideas in the upcoming semester.

Michael Maggio,
Executive President of the 62nd Student Congress

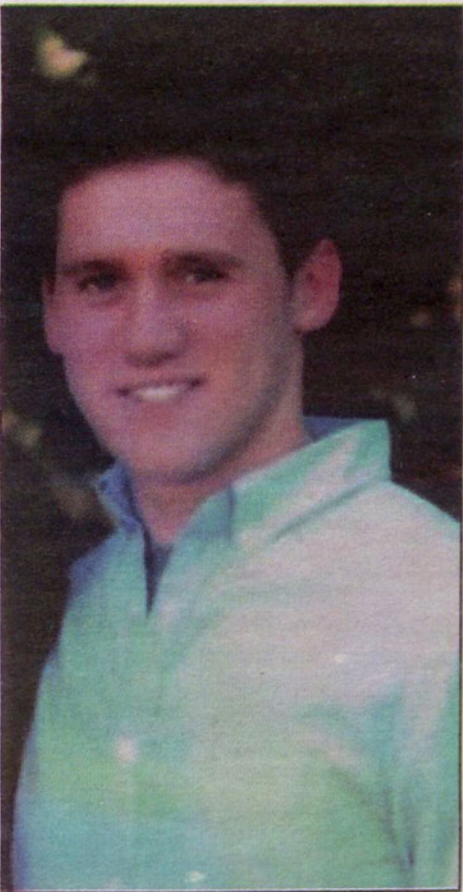


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Student Congress will reconvene next semester. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Service Board Works to Foster Communication Between Departments

by Micaela Cameron '13
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CAMPUS NEWS

Have you ever wanted to volunteer but weren't sure where to start? Have you ever had an idea for a great service project, but lacked the resources to bring it into fruition? Unbeknownst to many students and faculty members, the president's Standing Committee on Service, also known as the Service Board, is a ready resource that takes a unified approach to service on campus.

The Service Board was established five years ago by Dr. Raymond Sickinger, director of the Feinstein Institute. Sickinger brought together many people on campus after he saw the need for greater communication among the departments that dealt with service. After being in operation for a year, the Service Board brought a report on service to Fr. Shanley, who then created the Standing Committee on Service and included it as a formal part of the College's structure.

The Service Board remains a resource-sharing committee that crosses into many departments on campus. Unlike other faculty committees at the College, the Service Board is made up of students and staff members, and represents all of the College's departments that are related to service. The committee meets monthly and discusses issues, projects, and concerns that pertain to service at the College. It also collects data on service and submits annual reports to the president.

Heather Flynn, Service Learning Coordinator, spoke of the work the Service Board aims to do.

"We talk about all things related to service on campus, network, and share our information and resources. We don't necessarily coordinate the actual service programs. Each person on the committee is doing different things for [his or her] office; we share this information and our resources and support each other, and we make sure we aren't duplicating efforts," said Flynn.

Under the Service Board are student representatives that aim to represent the students in their community service efforts. The student representatives are Kathleen Boccia '12, who represents Student Congress, and all clubs and organizations: Kathryn McCann '12, of the Feinstein Institute, Hollis Dunlop '12, of Campus Ministry, and Jaime Lipski, a graduate student representative of Athletics. As student representatives, they listen to student's concerns and questions regarding service work.

McCann explained her position further: "I think the student representatives are a good resource because it allows a student [to] get in touch with another student who has access to the administrators and are in [the] same office space as them throughout the week. We can bring up their concerns to the administrators during our meetings, and if a student has legitimate planning and work done on a potential service project [he or she] can come to us and get different opinions and see how [he or she] could use our resources," said McCann.

Through the Service Board, McCann was able to contact the Department of Athletics, who in turn provided gift certificates and Friars apparel for the

raffle at the recent worker's appreciation dinner.

McCann noticed that many events on campus are well intentioned but lack communication with other groups. As a result, the College is left with many small events with little attendance. McCann thinks these events have the potential to be great if students running them utilized the resources available through the Service Board. The Service Board would be able to tell the student running the event if a similar event was already being held, and help these events to collaborate efforts, making for a large event with great attendance. Richard Lumley, the campus minister for social justice, also spoke of the efforts of the Service Board and its relation to Campus Ministry.

The work done through Campus Ministry differs from Feinstein in that the service is not necessarily related to a class. However, the two departments do collaborate at times, such as the various alternative spring breaks offered to students. With Dunlop, the student representative for Campus Ministry, Lumley brings all of the service events happening through Campus Ministry to the Service Board, allowing for greater communication of its efforts on campus and in the community.

"I think it ultimately relates to the mission of the College, with students actively engaged in the greater good and making the world a better place," said Lumley. The Service Board has helped Lumley become aware of different opportunities for volunteering, as well as promoting the events already happening in his department under Campus Ministry. The Service Board has allowed what is planned, which allows him to spread the work that Campus Ministry is doing.

Lumley feels the reciprocal effects of the Service Board as well. "I feel more informed about the work the other departments are doing, and it helps me do my job better," said Lumley. Lumley also spoke of the Service Board's Web page that is in the works. The page will serve as an area on the College's Web site where students will be able to learn of the many service opportunities available to them and read about other students' experiences in service.

Lumley stressed the importance of getting involved in service as well as using the Service Board to help facilitate service projects. The Service Board's communication with new service projects would highly benefit the person proposing the project, because it would provide information that would help the facilitator with the necessary means. The facilitator would be able to publicize his or her event, procure volunteers, find partner opportunities within the community, and much more.

"[We] are committed to promoting a culture of service," said Lumley. "We are here and available to talk to students who want to volunteer in any capacity, and any student that has a project. We're here to help facilitate that experience and help make sure they have the resources they need to be connected to people that would help make their programs have a big impact on the community."

Armenian Society President Nalbandian Reflects on his Heritage

by Jeff DiLeo '14
News Staff

CLUB PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ari Nalbandian '12, a member of the Pre-Med Honors Society is a local from Cranston, R.I., but took a different path than most getting to Providence College. Nalbandian, a member of the school's rugby team, just helped found the Armenian Society on campus. He says that, between the Armenian Society and rugby, his senior year has been really busy. He also recently finished sending applications to medical schools along the East Coast.

Nalbandian's background is different than most, though, because his parents are originally from Armenia, though he was born in the United States. Armenian is actually Nalbandian's first language, and English is his second. At home, he and his family only speak Armenian.

Nalbandian said, "There's a big Armenian community in Lebanon and Syria. After the Armenian genocide, the survivors fled south to the Middle East. That's where my parents ended up. They came here for college when they were around my age." He further explained, "[The genocide] was the generation before them, because it happened in 1915, so my grandparents' generation went directly through it. My mom had always held on to my grandfather's memoirs, because he was orphaned during that time and he wrote down everything."

He continued, "It took her two years to read through it. After two years, she typed out everything he handwrote and then, we had it published. It's called *The Caravan of Hope*. Hearing a personal story [makes me realize] that it directly affected me and why I'm here, and what my family had to go through. It is a meaningful event."

Nalbandian is proud of the strong Armenian presence in downtown Providence. He attends services at one of the two churches in the area, one of which is a block off of Federal Hill. There are Armenian schools there and church services every Sunday. Nalbandian says this community has definitely helped him.

Nalbandian is excited about the amount of Armenians on campus and is eager to have them join his club. Ari said, "There's a pretty big outlet for Armenian culture. URI and Brown both have Armenian clubs, so I figured, 'Why not PC?'"

Nalbandian is an aspiring general practitioner whose goal is to get to know each of his patients and give each of them with the best service and care he can provide. He is also interested in sports medicine and has applied to schools in New England, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. He received help from the Department of Biology in preparing for interviews and considering schools, and says he doesn't know what he'd do without Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P.

Nalbandian commented, "I did have a theology minor, but I'm not going to

be able to do their major seminar... I took extra theology classes, [but] just the stuff I was interested in. It's always been one of my interests, but I've never been able to make an official minor here." He added, "As long as I enjoy what I end up doing and am able to show that to other people, regardless of whether or not I make a lot of money doing that, [I'll be happy]."

Second semester of last year consisted of all the

preliminary stages of establishing the Armenian Society on campus. Nalbandian estimated this period will continue for the rest of this year, so the complete process will take approximately 18 months. The early part of this time was spent drafting a constitution and figuring out what members could theoretically plan for events and who their executive members would be.

Ari mentioned, "If I didn't have the guidance of the people on BMSA who are familiar with the administration and how to deal with red tape, I would have felt really lost. They helped me out a lot."

Right now, the Armenian Society is a "proposed" club as far as Student Congress is concerned. Previously, the Armenian Society was part of the ISO (International Student Organization). Now, however, it is officially a separate organization from the ISO.

Nalbandian said, "We're a proposed club now, and if it has been shown over the next semester or year that our events are successful and we have members at the events, then we'll become an official club."

The club's first event took place in McPhail's on November 16. It was Armenian name-writing night, and Armenian food was provided. Students were invited to have their names written in Armenian and learn the letters and how the alphabet works.

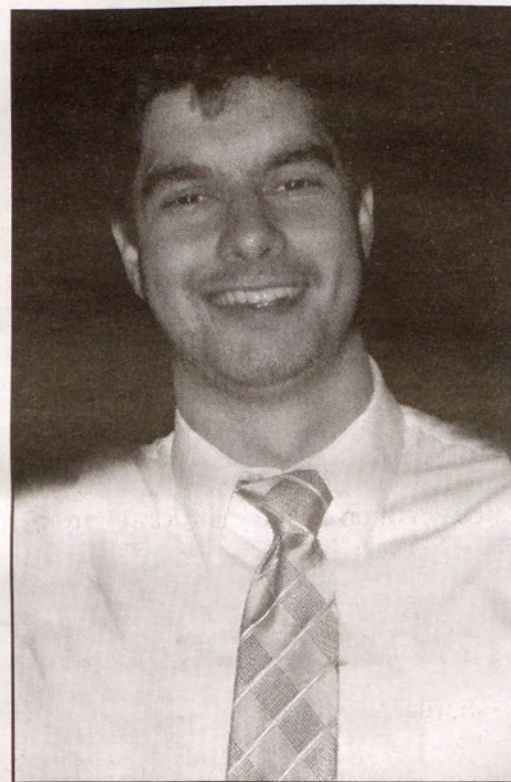


PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Although Nalbandian was born in America, he brings enthusiasm about his heritage to the new PC Armenian Society.

PC Students Have A Night Out for a Good Cause

by Amanda Garganese '13
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

Over 500 children are diagnosed with life-threatening medical illnesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island annually. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illness through fundraising efforts. A group of five Providence College seniors collaborated to make a team called Dare to Dream in order to aid in the fundraising efforts of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. These five seniors, Colleen Saporito, Ryann Nolan, Erin Dooley, Ian Sutherland, and Jason Zandrow, have spent their semester working extremely hard to raise the \$6,500 required to grant the wish of one child.

Their efforts began out of an assignment for their Organizational Theory class, a management requirement led by professors Tom King and Dan Horne. The class requires enrolled students to put on an event to raise money for a charity of their choice. The purpose of the assignment is to teach students how to work together as a team and function as an organization. "This class gives you a sense of how much hard work you need to put in to reach your goal," said Zandrow '12, member of Dare to Dream.

The actual event, called "Wishfest," took place on Thursday, Dec. 1, at RiRa Irish Pub, and was an overwhelming success. Team Dare to Dream raised almost \$3,000 prior to the Wishfest event through exterior fundraising efforts, such as a facial hair competition called "Whiskers for Wishes," and a "text-2-



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The Dare to Dream team poses at RiRa Irish Pub on the night of the Wishfest event.

donate" campaign. Approximately 250 people attended the Wishfest event at RiRa. Guests enjoyed themselves while listening to live music courtesy of the band No Means Yes.

There was also a competition in which PC's own gentlemen competed for the title of "Mr. Wish," which was granted to winners Miguel Fojas '12 and Griffin Fox '12. All guests received free VIP cards to RiRa Irish Pub, along with raffle tickets for enticing prizes, such as a speaker system and a sandwich press. The Dare to Dream team also raffled off PC apparel and gift cards from local vendors such as Ladder 133, Barnes and Noble,

and Dunkin Donuts. Local sponsors, consisting of the 02908 Club and The Whiskey Pub, also volunteered their services for the Wishfest event.

Through tremendous support from fellow classmates and the local Providence community, the team was able to raise over \$2,500 at RiRa in this single event. The team is continuing to utilize fundraising tactics, such as selling T-shirts in order to reach its goal, which is only \$900 away.

The members of Dare to Dream are ecstatic over the turnout of Wishfest. "We're so thankful to all of our friends who came out to support Make-A-Wish," said Saporito. "We're so lucky

to be involved with such an amazing foundation." All five members are in agreement that they will not cease their efforts until they are able to grant a child's wish.

Nolan said of her experience: "Although fundraising and putting on these events has been a challenging experience, I have loved every minute of it." Dare to Dream is most looking forward to seeing the expression on the child's face from the Make-A-Wish Foundation when they grant his or her wish.

The wild success of the Wishfest event has been noted throughout campus. Ashley DeSimone, the Development and Events coordinator, remarked that Dare to Dream did an amazing job with their fundraising efforts. Wishfest has already become one of the most successful Wishmakers On Campus fundraisers in R.I. DeSimone was most impressed with the team's creative initiative in its events, specifically the Whiskers for Wishes competition.

The team was praised for making its fundraising efforts so interactive with the rest of campus, which inevitably led to the huge success and support for their cause. The success of its Make-A-Wish charity events and fundraisers is a testament to the close-knit relationship of the entire Providence College community and the satisfaction students feel from participating in a good cause.

Dare to Dream continues to accept donations until it reaches its \$6,500 goal.

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or
wishfest2011@gmail.com.

PC Graduate School Alumnus Reaches Out To Haiti

by Andres Taborda '15
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CAMPUS NEWS

Providence College proudly promotes community outreach. From Campus Ministry projects to the sponsoring of a family in the residence halls, the Friar community is always answering the call to serve.

This is what brought Deacon Patrick Moynihan back to Providence College. Moynihan, a graduate of the Master's in Theology program at PC, is the president of the Haitian Project, a non-profit Catholic mission that operates the Louverture Cleary School. A secondary boarding school designed for underprivileged Haitian children, Louverture's purpose is to develop leadership in Haiti through its own people.

The school takes in children around the age of 12 from the poorest neighborhoods in Haiti. They are housed and educated for seven years. During this time, they learn up to four languages and receive an education that the majority of Haitians cannot afford. The students then continue on to universities to become professionals and lead their country forward.

Moynihan, who lives in Haiti for 10 months of the year, became involved in the Haitian Project in 1996.

"After graduating, I decided that a job in America was probably not for me, so I went abroad," said Moynihan. "I wanted to do something that would help the country develop, and that was to provide free education to young, talented people. That is why I got involved with the Haitian Project."

The goal of the project revolves around a passage from Scripture, Matthew 10:8, which reads, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

“ HE FURTHER DESCRIBED THE STUDENTS OF PC TO BE ‘OPTIMISTIC’ AND ‘POSITIVE.’ ”

On December 1, Moynihan gave a lecture sponsored by Fête Française. He told the 30 students in attendance that giving these young, gifted people a free education will, in turn, lead to them becoming leaders and taking charge of their country.

The program's functionality relies greatly on volunteers. "We have volunteers that help to maintain the school, educate the students, and maintain the project as a whole," said Moynihan.

When looking back at his time at the College, Moynihan remembers the kindness of the student body fondly. "The students at this school are always willing to serve," he said. "I remember getting

lost around campus and asking students for directions, but instead they would bring me to wherever I was going."

He further described the students of PC to be "optimistic and positive."

"The service atmosphere at this school creates the right people that we need as volunteers in Haiti," he said.

Moynihan continued to express his desire for Providence students to consider applying to volunteer in the Haitian Project, as Providence College

is one of the institutions from which the Haitian Project seeks volunteers.

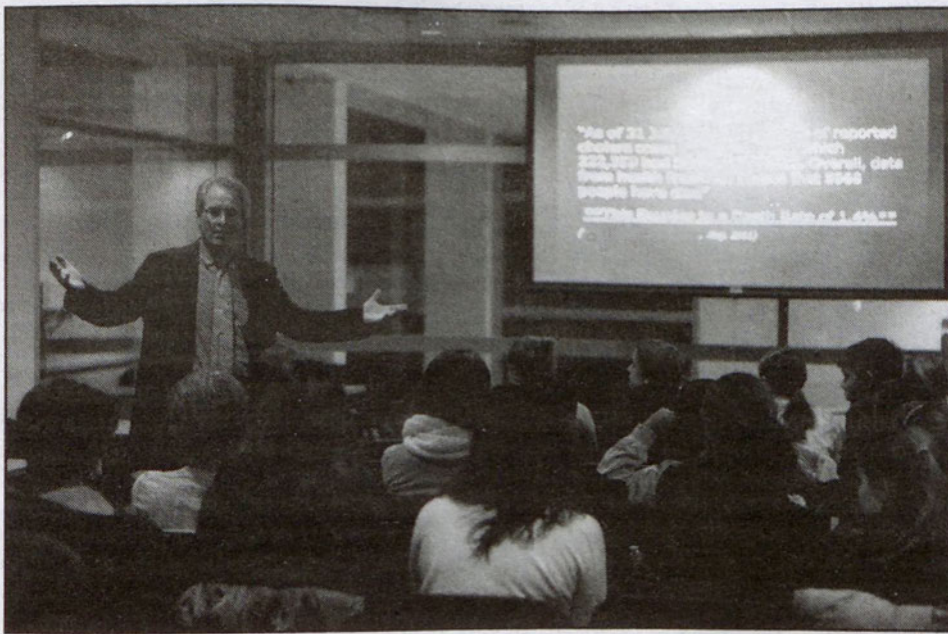
As the lecture went on, Moynihan made it very clear to those in attendance that "our job [is] not to fix Haiti, but to help Haiti build." He stressed the fact that there are too many NGOs in Haiti trying to fix the country with foreign ideas. "The solutions are in Haiti. They are within the people and that is why we are training them to lead," he said. "Haitians want to depend on themselves, not on the rest of the world."

Moynihan sees the desire for progress coming from the Haitian people. "The talent is there, and we can offer them the leadership training that they need in order to take care of their country," he said. "America cannot fix Haiti. Only the Haitian people can fix Haiti, because they know exactly what is going on and what they need to do."

Valerie Chase '14, vice president of Fête Française, organized this event. A Public and Community Service major from Massachusetts, Chase wanted to raise awareness on Haiti at Providence College.

"I have always been interested in the development of Haiti," she said. "I began to search for speakers online and came across Deacon Moynihan, who was also local." By having the Haitian Project present at Providence College, her hope is that students will become interested in what is going on in other parts of the world and be willing to take the initiative to help those less fortunate.

"I am hoping that students from Providence consider applying to this program," she said, "especially since Deacon Moynihan is interested in our students."



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Moynihan speaks to a crowd of PC students during a lecture sponsored by Fête Française.

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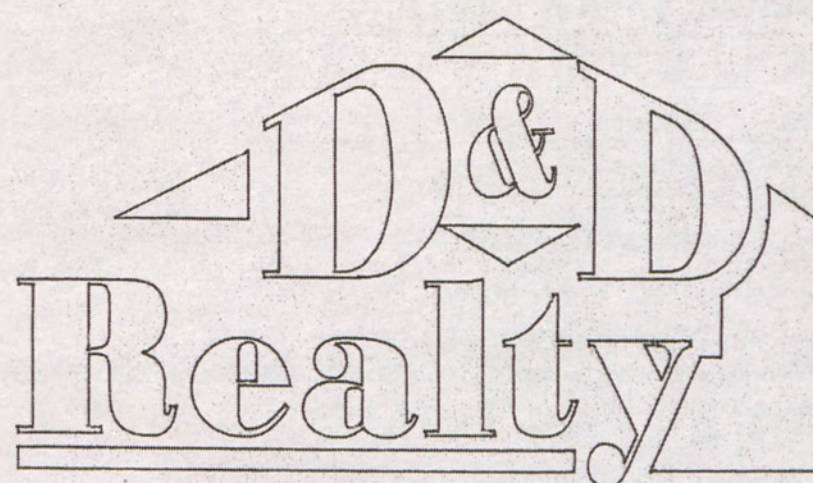
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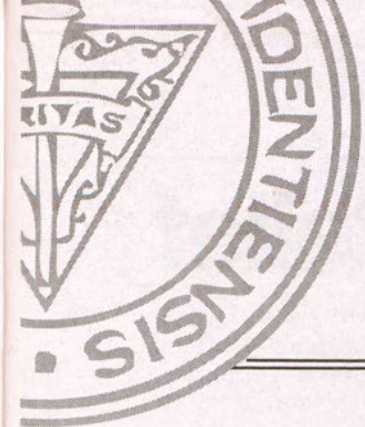
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Chafee's Christmas Controversy

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World Staff

RHODE ISLAND

This year's edition of the "War on Christmas" has started right here in Providence College's backyard. In what may be a rather surprising turn of events, Rhode Island, the smallest state in the Union, has become the center of national news.

Outraged Rhode Islanders are protesting Governor Lincoln Chafee's decision to call the 17-foot-tall blue spruce placed at the center of the rotunda of the Capitol a "holiday tree" rather than a Christmas tree. Both average citizens and state lawmakers alike are expressing their disgust with the independent governor's decision.

Said Ted Slader of North Scituate to the *Boston Herald*, "I know [Gov. Chafee] is a left-wing nut job and everything, but you can't say the word Christmas? The average Joe I talk to, they're fed up with that. To the average Joe, it's a Christmas tree."

Furthermore, one legislator has expressed a higher level of outrage after she sponsored a state resolution that declared the tree placed in the statehouse during the Christmas season should be called a Christmas tree, not a "holiday tree." The resolution passed the House of Representatives in January.

Rhode Island Rep. Doreen Costa (R-North Kingstown) said Wednesday she was "disturbed" when she first heard the statehouse tree being referred to as a holiday tree.

"If it has lights and ornaments and an angel and decorations on top, it's a Christmas tree," the freshman legislator said on FOX News.

The representative further added, "I'm sick of being politically correct. Nobody's been offended by calling a Christmas tree a Christmas tree. If we have a Menorah in the statehouse, what are we going to call it—a candle with sticks?"

Nevertheless, the governor has struck back against criticisms and held firm on his decision.

"Taking the Christmas out of the tree is in the Rhode Island spirit," Chafee said, invoking the 1663 colonial charter and the legacy of state father Roger Williams.

"I'm just continuing what other governors have done," Chafee told the *Boston Herald* after dedicating a separate tree to soldiers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "I just want to make sure I'm doing everything possible in this building to honor Roger Williams."

Chafee is not the first Rhode Island governor to refer to the annual statehouse tree as a "holiday tree," reports Politico. His predecessor, Donald Carcieri (R), used both "holiday tree" and Christmas tree in his correspondence.

Still, the latest fight of the "War on Christmas" just shows how sensitive people are over a major tradition in this country.

"Anybody that wants to go see a 'holiday tree' can do so, but I will be decorating a Christmas tree," reiterated Rep. Costa. "It may only be a little Charlie Brown Christmas tree, but at least it will be a Christmas tree."

Afghan Rape Victim Released

by Naomi Eide '13
World Staff

AFGHANISTAN

In 2009, an Afghan woman named Gulnaz went forward to authorities to report that her cousin by marriage had raped her, leaving her pregnant. The authorities proceeded to arrest Gulnaz and charge her with adultery, sentencing her to two years in prison. Gulnaz outlined her struggle in an interview, stating "when I appealed [the sentence] it became 12 years. I didn't do anything. Why should I be sentenced for so long?" The sentence was later reduced to three years following public pressure on the case. Now 21, Gulnaz spent two and a half years in prison and had her daughter in jail before President Hamid Karzai pardoned her following international pressure when her case became publicized.

The *Guardian* reported that a British director, Clementine Malpas, was commissioned by the European Union to create a documentary following the numerous instances of Afghani women jailed for so-called "moral crimes." Malpas followed Gulnaz's case, having many candid interviews in which Gulnaz expressed her concern over public pressure for her to marry her attacker.

In Afghan society, marrying the father of a child born out of wedlock is a way for the child to be legitimized, even in cases where the mother is raped. Gulnaz said, "I don't want people to call [my daughter] a bastard and abuse my brothers. My brothers won't have honor in our society until he marries me." Malpas summarized Gulnaz's concerns: "[S]he has told me that the rapist had destroyed her life because no one else would marry her after what happened to her. She feels like she has no other option than to marry him, and it's the only way to bring peace between her and his family."

Initially, the precondition of Gulnaz's early release was for her to marry her attacker, until Gulnaz's lawyer, Kimberly Motley, received a clarification from President Hamid Karzai's office that there would be no preconditions for her release. Motley told BBC that "[Gulnaz] doesn't have plans for the future. She just wants to get out [of prison]" and have a safe place to stay following her release. Motley is an American lawyer who stepped forward upon hearing of Gulnaz's plight and launched a petition of over 6,000 signatures demanding Gulnaz's release. Motley stated that "my concern is that an illiterate woman, in the face of high-level government officials, all men I believe, would be a very intimidating situation for her."

In Afghanistan, of the 600 adult female inmates, at least half are imprisoned for "moral crimes," for which they are jailed after they report of forced marriage, beatings, or sexual assault. Though Malpas' documentary could

not be released because of the potential threat to the women interviewed, the European Union has stepped forward to highlight the instances of abuse against women in Afghanistan as well as to assist in improving their lives.



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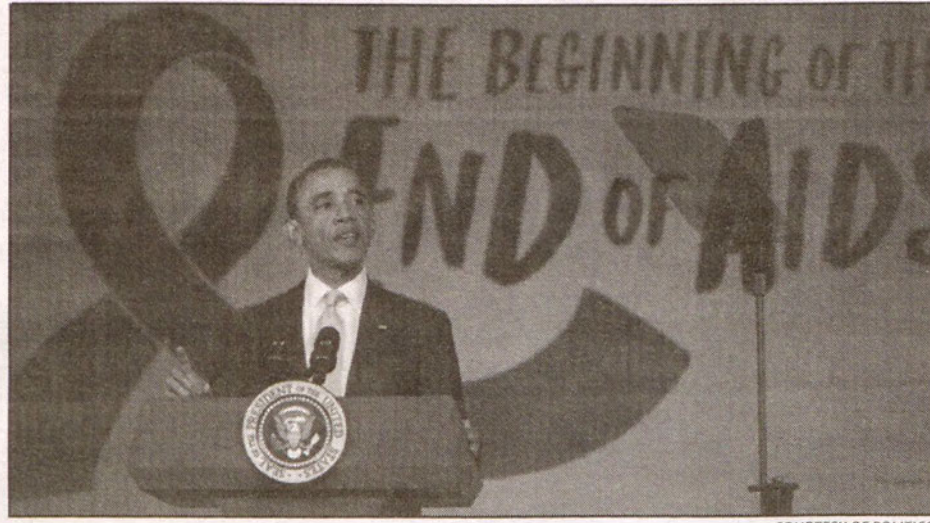
Obama Pledges Funding for AIDS Relief

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

UNITED STATES

On December 1, World AIDS Day, President Obama pledged \$50 million in new funding for HIV/AIDS clinics and drug assistance programs. He also plans to increase access to antiretrovirals in other countries by the end of 2013. The announcement came after the findings of a joint report by the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and UNICEF last week that shows that after years of considerable increases, international funding for HIV programs fell last year from \$8.7 to \$7.6 billion.

Of the \$50 million promised by Obama, \$35 million will go to state programs that help individuals living with the diseases. The remaining \$15 million will go to medical clinics, specifically ones where infections have increased or where treatment is not readily available. According to the Obama administration, 6,500 Americans are on waiting lists for HIV/AIDS medications. The BBC reports that the American South still experiences the most devastation from AIDS. Many researchers blame



President Obama pledges \$50 million of funding for HIV/AIDS clinics. A portion will go to state programs and another portion will aid medical clinics experiencing increased infection rates.

the conservatism of the South for developing a stigma towards AIDS and people with the disease.

According to the Center for Disease Control, death rates for Americans living with HIV are highest in the South, the majority of the people living in those states with HIV are African American, and six out of the 10 states with the highest percentage of women with the disease are in the South. Andrew Skerritt, author of

Ashamed to Die: Silence, Denial, and the AIDS Epidemic in the South, said that the innate conservatism of the region, combined with poverty and a lack of sexual education, have hampered efforts to rein in the disease. He cites how, while in the 1980s New York's gay community loudly demanded a public prevention effort towards the disease, there has been no such movement in more rural areas of the U.S. He said that in some African

countries like South Africa, "You see a lot of banners about AIDS and these banners were in your face," but this is not to be found in the South. Skerritt argues that many in the South still—at least privately—believe that AIDS remains "God's curse on homosexuals," forcing many heterosexuals with the disease into hiding.

On the international scale, the new U.S. initiatives aim to bring antiretroviral drugs to 1.5 million HIV-positive pregnant women to prevent them from passing the virus to their children. According to the BBC, the programs will distribute more than one billion condoms in the developing world. Also included is funding for 4.7 million voluntary male circumcisions in eastern and southern Africa, which research has shown reduces the risk of female-to-male transmission by more than 60 percent. Some countries suffering from the ongoing European economic crisis have declined to increase funding. The Global Fund announced that it would be unable to give any new grants before 2014. According to the BBC, Italy, Germany, Japan, Spain, and the European Union have all either delayed or canceled payments to the Global Fund.

Jewish Holocaust Museum to Open in Warsaw

by Katie Davenport '14
World Staff

POLAND

A museum committed to preserving the 1,000 years worth of history for Poland's Jews is expected to open in Poland. The Museum of the History of Polish Jews will open on the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising against the Nazis, according to *The Huffington Post*.

In the 1940s, many Jews in ghettos across eastern Europe attempted to organize resistance against the Germans, arming themselves with homemade and smuggled weapons. Between 1941 and 1943, underground resistance movements formed in approximately 100 Jewish groups. The most famous attempt by Jews to oppose the Germans in armed combat transpired in the Warsaw ghetto. On April 19, 1943, the uprising began after German troops and

police entered the ghetto to deport its surviving residents. The ghetto fighters were able to withstand for almost one month, but on May 16, 1943, the revolt ceased; the Germans had slowly defeated the opposition, capturing, killing, and deporting the Jews to concentration camps.

Thus, on April 19, 2013, the 70th anniversary of the Jewish uprising, the museum will officially open to visitors. The museum's head, Agnieszka Ruzinska, set the significant date. As *The Huffington Post* further explains, approximately 500,000 visitors are expected to see the Museum of the History of Polish Jews each year; when visitors do attend the museum, they will examine multimedia exhibits on the culture and life of Jews in Poland. The exhibits will showcase the fate for Jews both during the Holocaust and during the present day, highlighting how Jewish culture is gradually being revived.

The museum's building is an austere structure consisting of concrete and glass. The building is divided by an uneven chasm symbolic of Moses' biblical parting of the Red Sea that allowed the Jews to escape slavery in Egypt. Culture Minister Bogdan Zdrojewski explained that a subsidy of \$3 million dollars will be necessary for the building's completion, and the funds will come from state and Warsaw coffers.

"The Jews were a part of the Polish landscape. Now they are gone," states Marian Turski, head of the Jewish Historical Institute, which is participating in the project. "We want to fill in this vacuum."

Before World War II, Poland's Jewish community numbered 3.5 million people, but most were murdered during the Holocaust under Nazi occupation. According to *The Washington Times*, the community today encompasses about 20,000 members, and that number is growing.



Warsaw Ghetto Monument in Warsaw, Poland.

"This [museum] is about people who were here, who created their works here, who contributed to the progress of the civilization," believes Turski. The museum will help commemorate the difficult Jewish past and promise of a better future.

British Embassy in Tehran Raided by Demonstrators

by Kevin Sullivan '15
World Staff

INTERNATIONAL

Iran sank into deeper isolation from the West last week, with Britain pulling all of its diplomats out of the country and the European Union ordering new, tougher sanctions on the Islamic Republic. The moves come after a well-organized attack by Iranian hard-liners on the British embassy in Tehran. The attack seemed to have approval from Iranian officials, because Iranian forces did not stop the demonstrators from raiding the embassy. The demonstrators were protesting already existing sanctions against Iran and showed their frustration against the West. Demonstrators caused extensive damage to the embassy, destroying furniture, paintings, computers, and windows, as well as hurling satellite dishes from the roof. They also tore down the Union Jack to replace it with Iran's flag, carried off a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, and chanted "Death to England."

Fortunately, the British diplomats were able to escape through a back door and no one was harmed during the attack. Governments around the world expressed their disapproval of the attack, which violated diplomatic norms. British Prime Minister David Cameron called the attack "outrageous and indefensible," and warned Iran's leaders that there would be "serious consequences" for not protecting British diplomats. Immediately following the attack, Britain ordered all Iranian diplomats in London to leave the country within 48 hours. The Obama administration condemned Iran's actions and France, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands all recalled their respective ambassadors from Tehran.

The attack triggered a dramatic escalation between Iran and the West at a time of already high anxiety because of Iran's nuclear program. On Thursday, two days after the attack, European leaders met in Brussels and established tougher sanctions on members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, a military force controlled by Iran's



Iranian hard-liners, protesting British sanctions against Iran, stormed the British embassy. It appears as though the raid was government-sanctioned because police did not intervene.

Supreme Leader. According to *The Washington Post*, an unnamed European diplomat said "The E.U. made very clear that it will not bow to Iran's intimidation and bullying tactics. We will not back down and agreed today to work on further sanctions, including in the areas of finance and energy." The E.U. stopped short of a ban on importing oil from Iran.

The United States, which has no diplomatic relations with Iran, welcomed the new sanctions. Some officials had said that the trashing of the British Embassy would be a turning point in efforts to reinforce Iran's isolation and increase pressure on its government to abandon what Western nations and Israel say is a program to develop nuclear weapons.

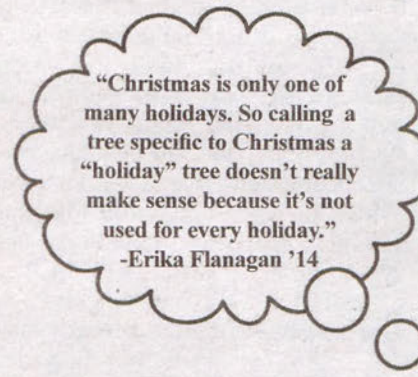
Ask PC: Providence College Students Comment on Current Events

By: Arman Oganisian '13, World Editor

Is it a holiday tree or a Christmas tree?



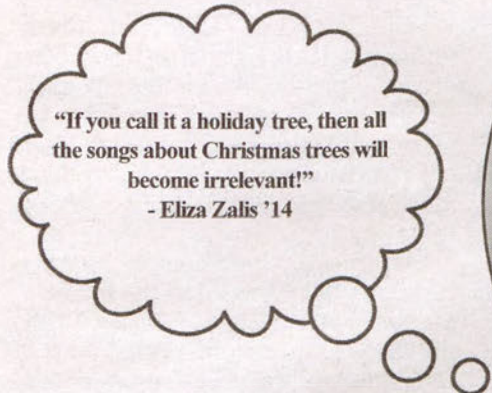
"I open my presents at Christmas under a tree. Hence, it's a Christmas tree. It can't be anything else."
-Gio Esposito '14



"Christmas is only one of many holidays. So calling a tree specific to Christmas a 'holiday' tree doesn't really make sense because it's not used for every holiday."
-Erika Flanagan '14



It's a Christmas tree! Other religions have holidays and symbols and this is Christmas' symbol."
- Mary Alice Sallah '14



"If you call it a holiday tree, then all the songs about Christmas trees will become irrelevant!"
- Eliza Zalis '14



Gas Prices Drop as Oil Prices Skyrocket

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World Staff

UNITED STATES

Crude oil prices and gas prices generally rise and fall in tandem. But over the past few weeks, while oil prices have steadily risen, from \$75 a barrel in early October to nearly \$100 a barrel now, gasoline prices have dropped lightly in the same period.

The changes seem quite counterintuitive since crude oil is used to produce gas. Jessica Brady, spokeswoman for The Auto Club Group, described the situation as atypical, although she now believes that gas prices will stabilize and fluctuate only a little more than a few cents.

Although demand for gasoline is down 3.6 percent from this time last year, there are a number of factors that can push the two prices apart in the short term.

One important factor is that they face different supply and demand forces, sometimes pulling them in opposite directions. At this time of the year, a higher volume of crude oil goes to heating oil rather than driving oil.

During the spring season, refineries start producing a special blend of gasoline called "summer blend." This particular blend includes expensive additives that in turn pushes up the cost. But starting in about October, they switch to a "winter blend" that consists of fewer additives and is cheaper to make.

Crude oil is also divided among other products, such as diesel,

jet fuel, and consumer goods such as tires and ink. In fact, the U.S. Energy Information Administration says for every barrel of crude oil produced in America in 2010, just 42 percent went to gasoline.

Rick Cobb, the executive director of the Georgia Petroleum Council, also pointed out another factor that contributes to the odd fluctuations. "Driving demand is down, we've had an increase in domestic production, and supplies are plentiful," he said. As a result, a competitive situation has erupted, causing gas prices to fall.

While gas prices fall due to competition, worldwide demand factors in to the rise in oil prices. In early July of 2008, oil prices peaked at about \$145 a barrel, before dropping to under \$40 a barrel by Christmas. The cause for the drastic decrease in oil was due to the lack of demand that followed the global economic meltdown.



FIFA Criticizes Brazil World Cup Preparations

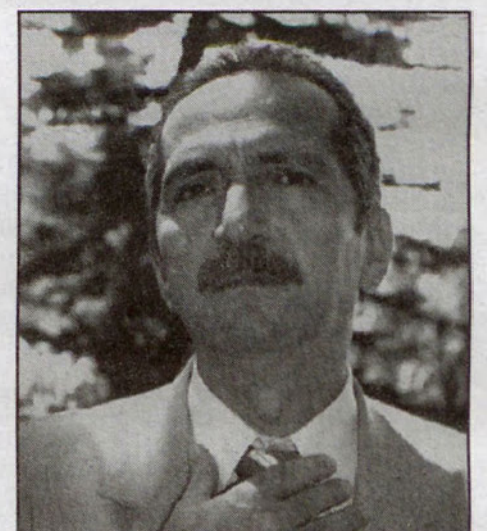
by Becca Larrivee '13
World Staff

BRAZIL

With the 2014 FIFA World Cup set to kick off in approximately two-and-a-half years, Brazilian governmental and military bodies have begun to enter the crucial stages of their major tournament preparations. Just a few weeks ago, government and police personnel removed and cleaned up one of the largest slums in the city, a slum that existed just outside of the nation's capital of Rio de Janeiro. According to *The Telegraph*, a British newspaper, "A heavily armed, 3,000-strong security force backed by helicopters took control of Rio's largest slum in a major operation to expel drug traffickers and prove Brazil can be a peaceful venue for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics." This area, one of two major slums located outside of the capital city, has been under the control of drug lords for the last 30 years, and the citizens of the area were happy to see police intervention in the area.

Brazil, as a host country, has recently faced a lot of criticism from a number of outside sources, including FIFA, all of whom believe that the country will simply not be ready in time to host the tournament. A second concern stems from the fact that Brazil, in the eyes of the "developed world" is a "developing country," and may have trouble accommodating such a large number of people. Others have argued that Brazil simply does not have the existing infrastructure necessary to support such a large number of people.

Officials from the country have not been taking these criticisms lightly, or silently. In an article published on the BBC, Aldo Rebelo, the newly



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Brazilian Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo maintains that Brazil will be ready to host the World Cup, despite criticism from FIFA.

appointed sports minister, has firmly stated that Brazil will be ready. "Rest assured, Brazil will have a great World Cup, a great World Cup in the warmth it will bring to the event, and a great World Cup in terms of its organization," he said during a Soccerex business conference. He promised investors and FIFA that he will do everything possible to ensure that all will be completed in time for the tournament.

Still, it is important to note that Brazil still has a long way to go before it is ready to host this tournament. Construction at six new stadiums has not yet begun, and there are many that need to be completed on the six additional statements before they are acceptable accommodations for the world's best football teams. Brazil has shown the world that it is sparing no expense when it comes to this tournament, and it is safe to say that the country has invested far more than reals, but also the heart and soul of the people. Only time will tell the payoff that they will receive for their efforts.

German Agency
Destroyed Nazi Records

Inequality Proves
Hazardous to Economy

by Andrew Gellert '13
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GERMANY

The German intelligence agency, the Bundesnachrichtendienst, destroyed evidence that its members served the Nazi Party as SS officers, a historical investigation found. *Der Spiegel* reports that the agency's retiring head, Ernst Uhrlau, began inquiries into the Bundesnachrichtendienst's past exploits earlier this year. According to *Der Spiegel*, it is a commonly-known fact that up to 10 percent of the agency's members were once affiliated with the Nazis. The documents that the Bundesnachrichtendienst destroyed in 2007 concerned some 250 still-living workers.

The Nazis, and their stormtroopers, the SS, used extensive intelligence networks. These were the precursors to the Bundesnachrichtendienst. The historical commission that investigated the Bundesnachrichtendienst also found that the agency destroyed hundreds of pages related to a high-ranking SS officer named Alois Brunner. Although the information removal was conducted before the historical commission began its work, it presents a troubling trend of the Bundesnachrichtendienst concealing evidence of its employees' Nazi associations.

The Bundesnachrichtendienst may be afraid of embarrassing the families of its workers. The agency is known for a legacy hiring policy, accepting applicants from the same families for

years. Evidence of Nazi involvement could compromise the careers of those related to Nazi sympathizers.

On the other hand, the evidence is part of the historical record, and revisionism removes valuable documents that relate to the Nazi Party and its nefarious work. Shredding evidence for personal gain comes at the cost of public loss.

The ethical question may be complex, but the historical commission will continue its work. The commission has already asked the Bundesnachrichtendienst to stop destroying evidence, and to consult with the commission before it begins any further alteration of historical documents. The commission will not only examine the Bundesnachrichtendienst's archives, but also the destruction of that archive.

The historical commission is not affiliated with the Bundesnachrichtendienst, so it does not have a vested interest in either hiding or falsifying evidence. Their sole goal is to reconstruct a complete historical record.

The retirement of Uhrlau may signify an end to an era in the history of the Bundesnachrichtendienst, but the historical commission is dedicated to unearthing the complete history of the agency. Destroying evidence may protect individuals, but it deprives countless future scholars of the breadth of the Nazis' power and heinous crimes.

by Arman Oganisian '13
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UNITED STATES

Discussions regarding inequality have largely centered on abstract ideas of equity and economic justice. While there is no consensus on the philosophical and moral dimensions of inequality, there is a general agreement that inequality is objectively harmful to the economy.

Inequality has reached unprecedented peaks in the United States. Five percent of annual income moved away from the middle class to richer households since 1980, while median income has slipped below 1997 levels, reports *Businessweek*.

Traditionally, economists insisted that equity and growth are mutually exclusive. This idea, however, seems to be losing ground. Equity is seen by some, including Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, as an essential element of growth. Countries with a narrower gap between the rich and poor enjoy significantly longer economic expansions, stable political performance, and healthier financial markets.

Before the income gap began widening in the second half of the 1960s, the U.S. experienced longer expansions. According to recent IMF research, the U.S. has experienced shorter expansions resulting from this widening. Goldman Sachs forecasts the U.S. to be near recession levels by 2012. This statistic is particularly troubling considering the current boom is just over two years old while the average postwar boom lasted 4.8 years, reports *Businessweek*.

Aside from shorter economic expansions, a widening gap between the rich and poor is a recipe for socio-political instability. The most dangerous outcome of sustained inequality is societal pessimism. Politically optimistic conglomerations, such as the Tea Party, were able to successfully incorporate themselves in the political structure. Contrarily, politically disillusioned movements such as Occupy seem to have little desire to work within a system they perceive as inherently corrupt. Such pessimistic groups can seriously undermine social stability.

Politically, "systems in economically divided countries become polarized and immobilized by the sort of zero-sum politics now gripping Washington," said Raghuram Rajan, former chief IMF economist. Institutions become paralyzed as the political constituency becomes polarized, with one group pushing for nothing short of redistributive measures. Indeed, indecision has been plaguing Congress this year.

Pessimism, contagious by nature, can potentially spread to the financial markets. According to *Businessweek*, millions of investors pulled out of the market in the post-depression era, believing it to be dominated by an elite few.

"You're going to lose a generation of investors," says Barry Ritholtz, CEO of Fusion IQ, an investment management firm. "And that's how you end up with a 25-year bear market. That's the risk if people start to think there is no economic justice."

Across

2. One of Santa's Nine Reindeer

5. See 2 Across

7. See 3 Down

8. See 1 Down

9. See 2 Across

Down

1. See 2 Across

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4. See 3 Down

6. See 1 Down

by Kelly Smith '12, World Puzzle Master

WORLD PUZZLES

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BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

EUROZONE NATIONS AT RISK FOR DOWNGRADE

by Joe Lepri '12
World Staff

UNITED STATES

Earlier this week, Standard and Poor's warned six countries in the eurozone that they may face a credit downgrade in the midst of the sovereign debt crisis. The six countries include Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, and Luxembourg, all of which currently have the coveted AAA rating. The United States lost the AAA rating this summer due to the failure of policymakers to implement a long-term solution to the rising budget deficit. It was reported by the *Financial Times* that S&P told the six countries, "[I]t is our opinion that the lack of progress the European policymakers have so far made in controlling the spread of the financial crisis may reflect structural weaknesses in the

decision-making process within the eurozone and European Union."

These countries will be put on "credit watch negative," which means that there is a 50 percent chance that they will be downgraded within 90 days. According to Fox Business, "The new status means S&P plans to review each of the countries to determine whether they still warrant the AAA rating. If not, their ratings could be lowered a notch to AA+." The *Financial Times* reported that S&P is concerned "that Europe's debt problems are so severe that even the strongest economies in the 17-member eurozone can't remain unaffected." Many were surprised to see Germany on this list of countries, because they were previously thought to have the healthiest economy in Europe. Many of Europe's top fiscal leaders are meeting this week in

Brussels to discuss solutions for the financial crisis that has rattled Europe for the last two years. The United States' Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner, is traveling to Europe to participate.

When this information was released on Monday, the Dow Jones Industrialized Average quickly dropped 100 points after having a positive morning. Stocks had strong gains in the morning following reports that French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel had agreed on a new fiscal program to combat the debt crisis. Head of U.S. equity trading at RBC Global Asset Management, Ryan Larson, said, "Everybody has to remember that this market is still subject to headline risk. I think the markets at this stage in the game might be able to absorb headlines and rumors better than a few months or even weeks ago."

COWL PORTFOLIO

by Peter El-Hashem '12, Managing Editor
&
Arman Oganisian '13, World Editor

The Cowl Portfolio went up 2.04 percent since October 27, beating the S&P, up 1.53 percent. The top gainer was Intel Corporation, also the second largest firm in the portfolio (as measured by a market cap of \$130.66 billion).

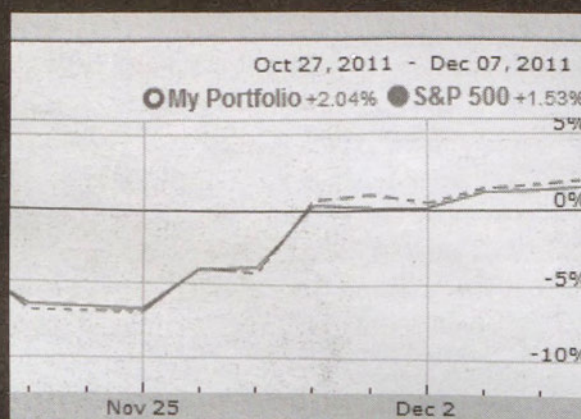
The market jumped last week after a stellar jobs report indicated an unemployment rate of 8.6 percent. Analysts have reported improving fundamentals, but the markets are still showing anxiety regarding Europe.

For the most part, however, investors are feeling confident about Europe. Stocks went up Wednesday, December 7, indicating confidence in leaders' ability to come to a solution during the eurozone summit this week.

Investors have good reason to be confident after several central banks promised to engage in a coordinated effort to improve liquidity. The situation looks better, but ultimately depends on whether or not world leaders will agree to a quick and effective solution to the debt crisis.

Holdings - %Change, 12/01/11 - 12/07/11

A	▼1.97%	VZ	▼0.03%
INTC	▲12.89%		
SNBK	▲10.56%		
T	▲7.26%		
TXN	▲10.36%		



FEATURE IPO: ANGIE'S LIST

by Arman Oganisian '13
World Editor

Angie's List (ANGI) went public November 17 and enjoyed a good opening day, raising \$130 million dollars for the company.

Angie's List is a consumer-driven Web site which allows members access to ratings, research, and reviews on local companies. Customers can also hire attractive contractors. Angie's List reviews companies in various services including home remodeling, plumbing, roof repair, and health care.

The stock is currently trading at \$15.61, down four percent from its opening day.

The company faces some limitations. Angie's List is totally dependent on advertising for revenue, which puts it in a tough spot in this economy.

Ultimately the company's success will depend on its ability to expand while keeping costs down.

Considering the company was founded by Angie Hicks going door-to-door in 1995, it has come a long way. As of June 30, 2011, the company reported more than 820,000 paid memberships. However, it has challenges ahead. Angie's List has had a consistently poor profit margin, showing inability to extract profits from its revenues.

STOCK PICK OF THE WEEK: STARBUCKS

by Arman Oganisian '13
World Editor

Starbucks (SBUX) has done exceedingly well this year. It has been trading above its 200-day moving average since Nov. 30 and is up more than 36 percent so far this year. It is crushing the NASDAQ, currently down .33 percent since the beginning of the year.

The company has solid fundamentals. It has experienced strong operating cash flow growth in the past two quarters. Both operating income and revenue have increased every year since 2009, giving the company higher profit and operating margins.

Starbucks has a bright future ahead of it due to advances in mobile payment technology, the key drive behind the company's growth this year. Since January, the firm has processed more than 26 million mobile payments. Starbucks' ability to recognize the profitability in mobile apps is promising. Mobile technology is the future and Starbucks is putting itself in a position to capitalize on it.

The growth also seems to be a widespread trend in the restaurant sector. Chipotle Grill (CMG) and Panera Bread (PNRA) have also experienced strong growth. CMG is up 57 percent this year and PNRA is up 40 percent this year to date.

Nicolas Sarkozy is racing towards a solution to the European debt crisis in an effort to avoid financial armageddon.

PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

Kevin Cassidy, '13G, SAIL

Paul Calle has risen to the top of several student organizations during his time at Providence College. A senior from Danbury, Connecticut, Paul is involved in a variety of organizations including Student Congress, Friars Club, Academic Integrity Board, the New Student Orientation Program and even finds time to be a student worker in McPhail's.

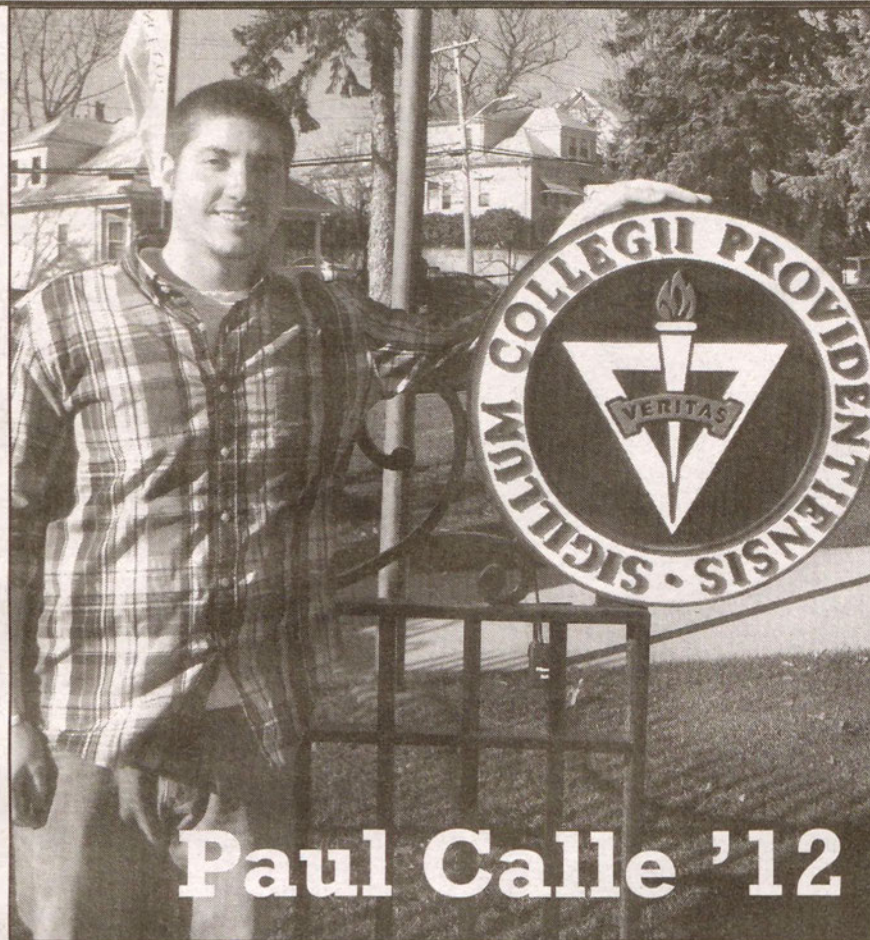
Paul attended Danbury High School and was primarily involved with mentorship programs for middle school students and created several marketing campaigns through an organization called DECA. He thought a business major would be ideal for him, but later found psychology to be his passion. His work in a special education summer school made him see the benefit of being a psychology major and how he could help others. His nominator said, "It is clear that Paul not only cares about those around him, but also that Paul loves his PC experience and enjoys life at the college."

Paul became involved during the second semester of his freshman year after his parents encouraged him to join an organization to meet other new students. He applied later that year to be an orientation leader, which allowed him to meet additional students similar to himself. As an Orientation Coordinator this past summer, he encouraged incoming students that although it might seem like a risk to join an organization, they had to take that leap to get the benefits of the many opportunities to follow.

Paul's four years have not all been carefree. He faced a challenging fall semester last academic year when one of his classmates, Brendan Frail, passed away as well as his grandfather. Paul admits he was able to overcome these challenges through the support and encouragement of the PC community.

Paul names Dr. Steven Sears and Father James Cuddy as two of his role models because they exemplify the mission of Providence College and want to see every student have a wonderful college

STUDENT LEADER OF THE MONTH



Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized as "Student Leader of the Month"? We want to hear from YOU!

Visit SAIL Office for a nomination form
*Nominations accepted on a rolling basis

Student Leader of the Month Fact Sheet

Favorite Food: Chicken & Rice
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite TV Show: *Breaking Bad*
Favorite Movie: *Love & Basketball*
Favorite Spot on Campus: McPhail's

experience. He can see himself working in a similar role as Dr. Sears in the future with the ability to have an impact on students within a college environment. The highlight of Paul's PC experience has been serving as the chairperson of Student Congress's Outreach Committee, through which he has organized events that directly benefit PC and the local communities. Examples of the committee's work include Pumpkinfest, Trick or Treat for Canned Goods, Late Night Madness, off-campus cleanups. And there is more to come for the spring semester!

Next year, Paul expects to take a year off possibly to teach and will likely complete a master's program within the next few years, as well as pursue his lifelong dream to travel the world.

Paul's grandfather once told him, "Life is hard, but what matters most is what you do with it." Clearly, Paul has already taken these meaningful words to heart and will continue to make an impact on others wherever life may lead him.

Keeping Leadership Skills Sharp Over Winter Break

Conor Leary, '13G, SAIL

With this semester of college behind you, it is completely necessary to relax with families and friends over break. But even while enjoying the holiday spirit, leaders can keep their leadership skills sharp! You might find some instances while you are away from PC to show off your leadership ability, as well as learn more about how you can become an even better leader!

For all of you leaders heading home to work...

If you are looking for some extra money and your hometown job is allowing you to work this busy holiday season, head back with as much positivity and energy

as possible! Take on new assignments and always remember that employers love when their staff members are patient, organized, and can function as dedicated part of the team. Do not be afraid to take action and help situations along. As a part-time employee, you are returning after being away for some time, so use your first few shifts to learn what new policies have been enacted as well as refreshing your memory about tasks and responsibilities. Have your crisis management skills ready as the holiday season tends to be a time where people are as much thankful for their right to debate with one another as they are for the good things in their lives.

For all of you leaders heading back to your family and friends...

Have plans already for every one of the twelve days of Christmas? Still figuring out how best to ring in the New Year? Do not be afraid to bring your planners home with you (most of them are now on your phones anyway). Keep your life organized because it is less stressful that way! Map out when you will be spending time with your family. Plotting when you are going to see them will help show you where some more of your free time will lie. Vacations are great, but there never seems to be enough time for all you wish to do. Strategize when you will be able to see some of the friends you have not seen in a while, and celebrate the holiday season.

For all of you leaders looking towards the future...

Winter break means almost four weeks to work on anything without the burden of school work. It might be tough doing "work" over break, but keep in mind all the free time you will have. Actively lead yourself towards the future by exploring internship options for next year, graduate schools, job opportunities, networking nights, or shadowing programs. Fill your breaks with tastes of education by reading books, writing stories or poetry, practicing music, picking up a new language, and reviewing for your next semester of classes so you are ready when you return!

The holidays are as much for leaders to learn from and appreciate as they are for some of the busiest people on campus to—dare I say it?—relax.

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WINTER BREAK & KEEPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS SHARP

Quote of the Month

"Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see farther."

-J.P. Morgan

For more information about leadership, check out the SAIL Web page:
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Just A Couple Of Christmas Eves

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FICTION

They met at Dominic's Bakery one ordinary Christmas Eve in 2007. She needed a simple apple pie, he a plain chocolate mousse cake. The line wrapped around the counter and they each found one another at its hopeful front. He stood, hands in pockets, whistling in his own quiet way, while she, completely flustered, dug through her purse and talked quietly into the cell phone that rested between her shoulder and chin.

"Yes, mom, I'm at the bakery now. Dominic's. What do you mean, you didn't order it from Dominic's? You told me Dominic's!" Just then, the poor girl spilt all the contents of her purse upon the bakery floor. Her whistling companion bent down to assist her.

"I don't know what we'll do! I don't have time to run to Duello's! Why didn't you tell me this before?" She piled back into her bag her wallet, make-up bag, and change purse as she listened to her mother's worried pleas. "Well, I'll just have to figure something out, won't I?" She hung up the phone with a punch and glanced absentmindedly over towards her helper.

"I'm sorry about that. Thanks for your help." She glanced down at her phone again and began texting furiously.

"That's no problem. This time of year can be hectic, especially when a mother's Christmas dessert is on the brink of ruin. I'm Alex, by the way." He extended his hand towards the girl and smiled kindly at her. Her face softened, then fell into a smile, and she returned the gesture.

"Abigail. I'm sorry to have been rude. It's just—" But just then, the cashier called her number.

"What'd you order, sweetie?" The woman asked hurriedly.

"Well, I actually didn't pre-order anything. I was wondering if I could just pick out an apple pie?"

"No can do. Everything we make for Christmas is pre-ordered. Try Duello's."

"Are you sure you don't have anything? Even just pastries?"

"Ma'am, I'm sorry, I'm going to have to ask you to step aside."

"But—"

"Maybe I can help," said Alex stepping in. "I pre-ordered a chocolate mousse cake. She can have it, though."

"What? No, don't be silly," Abigail said as she perched her bag upon her shoulder. "I'll get out of your way."

"No, seriously, it's the season of giving, right? Here," he said, handing her the cake box the cashier had

given him. "Take that. And this," he continued, writing on the box with a pen drawn from his pocket, "is my number. So you can call and thank me later." Abigail stood there flabbergasted amidst the hurried calls for cannoli, cheesecakes, brownies, and other festive treats.

"You're in a rush, right?" Alex said with a laugh, gesturing towards the door with a flick of his head. Abigail nodded in a daze, turned, and rushed quickly out of the bakery.

Abigail did call Alex that night, thanked him, and agreed to have dinner with him the following weekend. They exchanged pleasantries, got to know one another, and scheduled another date for the next weekend. And on that date, they made another, and so on and so forth until one morning, they each woke up and determined that they were dating. They, the two people who had met at a bakery on Christmas Eve, found themselves in a relationship. Alex went to dinner to meet Abigail's family, and she to his. They soon moved past that awkward stage of boundaries and wondering what the other is thinking until they found themselves finishing each other's sentences and becoming the nauseating object of envy amongst their single friends. In short, Alex and Abigail followed the path of so many other relationships, quite lacking in the extraordinary, and merged into one of two otherwise completely commonplace lives.

As happens with the ordinary, in the fall of 2010, Alex and Abigail began to change. He wanted to get married. She wanted to focus on her career. They argued and made up, ignoring the lingering tension and differing desire for now. Following the New Year, however, the issue came to a head. Alex gave Abigail an ultimatum: Marriage or separation. Abigail, her eyes lighted with dreams of success, wealth, and importance, chose the latter. The two lives, so slowly and carefully joined, separated in an instant. The two became strangers. Numbers were deleted. Clothing and belongings were returned. Friends and family took sides. Common haunts were avoided. In short, Alex and Abigail observed the typical rules and series of events associated with a break-up perfectly, and they never spoke since their separation in January.

But they ran into one another at Dominic's Bakery on Christmas Eve of 2011. She needed a simple apple pie, he a plain chocolate mousse cake. The line wrapped around the counter and they each found one another at its hopeful front. He stood hands in pockets. She rummaged through her purse.

"Oh crap," she said, dropping a pack of gum.

"Here you are," he said, leaning down to retrieve it.

"Oh, Alex. Um, hi," Abigail said, her eyes widening and cheeks flushing.

"Abigail, wow. So, well, how are you?"

"I'm good, really good."

"That's...good. Did you end up getting partner at the firm?" Alex asked, his tone ever so slightly bitter.

"No, I didn't. Brad did," Abigail answered, slightly shamed.

"Aw, that's really too bad. I'm sorry. I know how much you wanted it," Alex said, his face softening.

"It's okay."

"You know, I haven't been here since we met that Christmas. Have you?"

"Nope, I haven't."

"Crazy, huh?" But before Abigail could answer, Alex's number was called.

"Hi," he said to the woman behind the counter. "I was wondering if you guys had an extra chocolate mousse cake?"

"Sweetie, it's Christmas Eve. Everything's pre-ordered. Next!"

Suddenly, Abigail felt a sudden rush. She had before her an exceptional opportunity. Sure, people met, dated,

and either married or broke up. Certainly there was nothing unique about that. But people didn't meet again the way she and Alex had. Their lives and relationships didn't come full circle; their stars didn't align. Ordinary life simply didn't work like that. Extraordinary life, however, did. So, mustering up her courage, taking advantage of the unique occasion, Abigail decided to speak.

"You know what? He can have my apple pie," she said, handing the woman her receipt.

"You really don't have to, Abigail," Alex said. She, however, ignored him and accepted the pie from the cashier.

"It's the season of giving, right? Here," she said handing him the pie box and digging through her purse for a pen. "That's the pie and this," she continued, writing on the box's front, "is my number. So you can call and thank me later."

"Maybe I will."

Don't worry. He did.

Natalis Invicti

by Bobby Bretz '12
Portfolio Staff

Harshest winds, unconquered Sun,
Chorus singing madrigals,
Sol Invictus, spare our fun
For the evening's bacchanals

Burden me, burden me
With elephants grand and white
Father Christmas, Joulupukki,
Traveler in the night

But can you turn the glowers up?
What makes the coldest days so warm?
Who will truly fill our cup
With a fullness of the fullest form?

What will make the children say,
Here's the reason, gye Nyame?
Everybody, come this way,
Everybody, gye Nyame

What makes all my people sing
Allahumma, Elohim?
When winter makes its coup d'état,
Allahumma, Ya Allah.

It's the most WONDERFUL time of the year!

by Margaret Barresi '12
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

She used her hand to wipe the steam off the bathroom mirror and glanced at her streaked reflection. Her face flushed from the hot water of the shower, and her hair curled into dripping bunches that reached well past her shoulders. It had grown out a lot since he last saw her. When she had chopped it all off right before he left, he hadn't liked how different she looked. Now, she looked the same as always, and she couldn't wait for him to see.

She reached into the brown bag on the floor of her closet and pulled out the new, red sweater she had bought a couple of days ago. The fabric felt soft and she knew how much he loved the color red on her. After she put it on, she went over to the mirror in the corner of the room and examined her reflection. She ran her hand through her light curls that were still slightly damp. She remembered how he used to come up behind her when she was looking in the mirror and press his face into her wet hair. She never understood how he liked the moist residue that settled all over his features, but he would always say that the smell of her hair was his favorite. She had given him a small bottle of her shampoo to take with him before he left. He had probably used it all by now, and she would need to buy him another bottle before he left again. But two weeks was plenty of time, and it wasn't hard to find.

The air outside was cold and clear. The Christmas lights from her neighbors' houses sparkled in the blackness of the night. Her house was still dark. She hadn't been able to put the lights up by herself. She knew he would have wanted her to wait for him anyway. Christmas was still a few days away, and they could still do it together. She loved Christmas lights, and not having them glowing since December 1 had been hard. But before it hadn't really felt like the holidays, despite the snow and Christmas music all over the radio. Tonight was the first time she found herself turning on the holiday station in the car and singing along to the carols that played.

A light snow started to fall as she drove down the highway to the airport. She turned on her windshield wipers and defrosters against the fogging cold. His plane should have already landed, so she wasn't too worried about the weather. She remembered this time last year when they had gotten so much snow that the school where she taught had been cancelled for two days straight. Their street hadn't been cleared for the first day so they had stayed inside, unable to even run to the store for milk. She had forgotten to go shopping in preparation for the storm, and there had been little food lying around the house. She smiled as she remembered how he had found a lone box of instant pancake mix at the back of the pantry. It was the kind that required you just to add water, no eggs or milk or anything else. He had made

her pancakes and they had sat on the couch eating them dry and watching old childhood claymation Christmas movies. She had bought pancake mix yesterday when she went shopping. She knew he would be hungry when they got home.

As she parked in the arrival lot, she felt her whole body start to flush as she finally registered where she was and what she was doing. Ever since he left, she hadn't really allowed herself to think about his return; it had always seemed so far away. She had wanted to start a countdown the second he boarded the plane to Afghanistan, but she knew looking forward to his return date would only make the days go by slower. So, she had tried to keep busy, tried to bury the feelings of longing and waiting, but missed him terribly nonetheless. Now the day had finally come, and she could allow herself to be excited.

She stood in the area outside the international arrival gate and began to play with her hair as she saw people walking through the open doorway. She continually searched the crowd of faces, but she couldn't find the one she was looking for. She kept glancing at her watch as the minutes ticked by, a thousand different scenarios racing through her mind. Then, suddenly, she looked back up and saw the dark eyes she had been waiting for. The world around her seemed to mute and her body moved forward without any signals from her brain. She saw him stop at the end of the roped-off walkway, about 30 feet in front of her. He had dropped his camo duffle bag on the floor and smiled at her. She broke into a run, as though her body couldn't waste another second not being in contact with his. She knew people were watching and she didn't care. She saw him open his arms right before she threw herself into them. The strength of his biceps closed around her as he lifted her off the ground and spun her around.

She couldn't stop the tears that fell down her face. She felt her feet hit the floor again and his hand crept under her chin, pulling her face up towards his own. He kissed her and wiped the drops away from her cheeks.

"Merry Christmas, Ally," he said.

She wanted to speak, but the words wouldn't leave her mouth. All she could do was look at him and cry into his uniform, right above the patch that read "Jackman," his last name. She felt him press his face into her hair.

"I used up all the shampoo you gave me. We'll have to get some more while I'm here." She pulled her head back and placed both her hands on the back of his neck, studying the face she had only seen in pictures and computer screens for the past six months.

"I missed you," she whispered as he tightened his grip around her waist.

"I know, but I'm here now. Let's go home."

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Dust Jackets



Margaret Barresi

Margaret was born to the most famous man in the world: Santa Claus. It is not common knowledge that Old St. Nick and Mrs. Claus ever had a child; in fact, they tried to keep it a secret. You wonder why the jolliest man ever to wear a red suit and fly a sleigh of reindeer would deny the world of this knowledge. Well, thanks to Margaret, *The Cowl* has the inside scoop. When Margaret was only two years old, the infamous Jack Frost attempted to kidnapp the pink-cheeked, pony-tailed girl to settle an old feud. You see, Jack wanted the job of Santa Claus, only his idea of Christmas involved stealing toys from children and leaving nothing but a trail of broken hearts and icicles. Luckily, the SSS (Santa Secret Service) foiled the plot and managed to wisk Margaret away from her birthplace.

Jack Frost and his accomplice, Vixen the reindeer, were sent to a confinement facility in the South Pole. As a child, Margaret lived with her grandmother in Massachusetts. Their favorite activities included baking cookies, wrapping presents, and having weekly chats with Papa Claus and Mama Claus via Chimney Skype (she even gets to see her father in person once a year. Bet you can guess which day that is). Unfortunately, Margaret's grandmother was tragically killed in a freak reindeer accident right before she was to enter her first year at Providence College. Margaret is enjoying her time at PC and is happy to write for *The Cowl*, a publication she considers truly magical.

BILLY NARWOCKI

Pond Skating

by Emily Goodnow '14
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The pond is sheer
The air is chill
My skates are tied
I'm ready for a thrill.
Dad tiptoes onto the ice.
He tests the surface:
Is it naughty or nice?
He strokes along
And quickens his pace.
He gives me the okay
With a grin on his face.
Like a racehorse I dash
Onto a frozen track.
The bitter wind howls and
Whips at my back.
My piercing blades crinkle
And crumble the ice.
I prepare a camel spin
And cross over twice.
Hair stands on my skin
As I spiral and sway.
I slip and suddenly slide
When I hear Dad say
"It's time to go inside."
I swivel one last time today,
Exhale frosty air
And reluctantly glide away.

If I had it my way,
I'd never stop skating.
Dad says we'll return;
Til then I'll be waiting.

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The Snowflake's Ode

by Dara Plath '13
Portfolio Editor

Hello, my love.
How do you do,
on this cold December morning?
I've watched you through ice-
castle glass, bending
in the wind.

My darling girl,
come feel the kiss
of winter's icy breath;
upon your cheek where
rose petals seek to
blight your porcelain skin.

I promise to
be gentle and true, let me
caress your un-gloved hand.
For there, I'll rest,
like a sunken chest, the
heart of a drunken man.

Hello, my love.
How do you do,
on this cold December morning?
Be one with me until
blue-moon eves
melt my winter's heart.

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The Romantic Equinox

by Mason Sciotti '15
Portfolio Staff

I kept telling myself it was the changing seasons
The symptomatic movement of the sun away from the earth
The nature of the universe
That caused this total eclipse of the heart.

We weren't spinning in the wrong direction
We weren't in the wrong place in the cosmos at the wrong time
It wasn't that our love didn't get enough sunlight
Our axis was merely tilted, slightly askew.

The changing seasons swapped
The slowly setting sunlight of summer
They replaced our senses with snow, froze our passion in ice
Told us that it would thaw come warmer weather
But I had made calculations for myself
I had charted the courses
The paths the planets travel across the starry dome
That capstones our existence.
I wasn't convinced.

I kept telling myself it was the changing seasons
That caused this total eclipse of the heart.
They told us we would thaw with newfound understanding
That we were just spinning in the wrong direction
The wrong orbit at the wrong time.
I wasn't convinced.
I had made the calculations for myself, I knew
Our axes were merely tilted, slightly askew
Easily fixed, easily remedied.

They told me it was irreplaceable, irreparable.
I wasn't convinced.
I'll never stop hoping.

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Fast Fiction

*Here's the deal: 25 words or less.
One title. An entire story.*

Regarding the Arsenic Cookies

by Bobby Bretz '12
Portfolio Staff

I regret to inform you that your household will not be
receiving my services henceforth. Respectfully, S.C.

Home For The Holidays

by Justin Fernandez '15
Portfolio Staff

The smell of pine fills the air in my home. The log burns and
Christmas lights fill the sky. It's that time of year again.

You Gave Me A Chill That'll Never Thaw

by Mason Sciotti '15
Portfolio Staff

Your words were snowballs, tossed playfully, but with ice
in the middle. My soul became a snowman. It was August,
and 70 degrees outside.

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Burning in the Yule Log Embers

by Justin Fernandez '15
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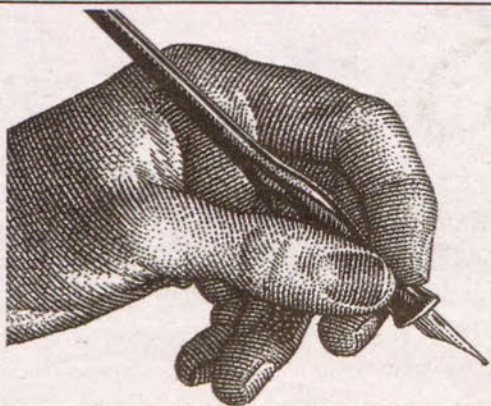
Light me up. Burn me to a crisp. These embers will turn my body
to ash, and my dreams to vapor. I've become dead weight, cut
down by the wind. So gather round and watch me burn in flames
this joyous season. I'll be the entertainment for the night, just sit
tight and laugh away. I'm just the sacrificial slaughter that ushers
in the peace.

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Merry Christmas!



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LETTERS



Greetings in the name of our Lord,

I ask that you take the time to read this letter, despite the business of the Christmas season. It has come to the attention of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, that you, Mr. Clause, are in contention with the Holy Church on several counts:

1. Saint Nicholas, pray for us, perished in the 4th century. Impersonating a saint is against the codes and edicts of the Church. His example should inspire each of us to give fully and selflessly; however you are not he.
2. The Church is in full support of gift giving, but it has come to our attention that Christmas day's more... materialistic celebrations may co-opt celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, being on the same day. This is worrisome and demanding of a change—might we suggest you choose another date?
3. His Holiness failed to receive the bicycle he asked for when he was a young boy. Please rectify the situation and make sure that it is the correct shade of red.
4. Your choice of the name "Father Christmas" implies that you have been ordained by the Holy Church. This is simply not true.

His Holiness does not wish you to halt your gift giving, as it brings joy to many children across the world. But we ask that you consider the effects your holiday has on the celebration of the holy day of our Lord's birth.

If you have any questions, you may 'tweet' His Holiness @PopeBenedictXVI.

Yours in Christ,
Cardinal Justus Frattoli

Tom Nailor '12

Dear Santa,

First off, I would just like to say that I have been the model of a perfect child this year. My behavior has been nothing but impeccable and angelic—Nobel Peace Prize worthy, if you catch my drift. But of course, this isn't news to you, right, Santy? Anyway, in return for my year-long struggle with sainthood, I thought it wouldn't be too much to ask for a couple of extra things this Christmas. For starters, I'd like an Army tank, full-sized please. I need something more BA to ride to school in. I'd also like a submarine, and a 10,000 feet deep swimming pool to put it in. It'd be nice if you could scrounge up some killer whales and penguins to put in the pool as well, so I'd have something interesting to observe while I'm riding in my submarine. Needless to say, it will have to be a subzero salt water pool, but nothing you can't handle, I'm sure. Now, for my last present, I'd like to ask for something big. I mean, I don't really think it's too much to ask for, but I want Google. Yeah, that's right, as in the company. It shouldn't be too hard to get the copyright signed over to my name. Piece of cake for you with that Christmas magic, my dear sir. I know this stuff might take up a lot of room in your sleigh, and being the kind guy that I am, I'd hate to use up all the room for the other girls and boys. So, if you find yourself a little low on sleigh space, feel free to forward any shipping bills to my parents. I'm sure they would agree: I deserve all of this and they are more than willing to help. I think that's everything! Oh wait, and world peace! Thanks, Santa.

Your boy,
Jack

Margaret Barresi '12

Dear Santa,

My wish this year is very simple. Every day, I go to work in a factory. I suppose I shouldn't complain; the work isn't taxing. In fact, we're only really busy once a year. However, I digress. Every day I go to work in a factory, and every day I am blessed to lay eyes on the most beautiful creature I have ever set my sights on. He's a rather portly fellow, I admit, but that deep-bellied laugh of his makes me swoon. He's mild-mannered, loves children and animals, and has such a charming and delightful personality that one might even call him jolly.

However, there is one small problem: his wife. To put it plainly, she doesn't deserve him. She doesn't share his enthusiasm for life! She's always telling him to quit playing with "toys" and to watch what he eats. She's a nag! Not to mention, she's a few pounds heavier than a Victoria's Secret model, if you catch my drift. The problem is he just doesn't understand. He doesn't understand that his wife is not meant for him, and that he and I are destined to be together. I haven't exactly told him this fact, shy as I am. Thankfully, this is where you come in.

My wish, Santa, is very simple. It's something that you can understand on a personal level, as well as a professional one. I need you to see things my way, the right way, the way things should be. I need you to realize that the way things are between us isn't enough, that we could be so much more. I've kept it bottled up inside for so long, and I need to let it out! So here it is: All I want for Christmas is...you.

Holly the Elf

Mason Sciotti '15

To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I know I've received a lot from you in the past, but this year I really need your help. The one slight problem I'm sure you'll find is that there is a miniscule chance that I might be on the naughty list. Now, I know if you look at the past year, it seems bad. But you just have to see my side of the story. First off, I honestly forgot that I was wearing that necklace. Why would I steal something that I can (as the star of movies such as *The Parent Trap* and *Mean Girls*) clearly pay for? Therefore, my time spent on house arrest was completely uncalled for and should be taken off my record. Also, out of the goodness of my heart, I have performed community service at a local morgue. I think it is very honorable of me to help the less fortunate, don't you? That being said, I think we can both agree that I should be on the nice list and because of that, I also included my Christmas List:

1. A starring role in a movie (any one will do)
2. A law degree (it would probably be helpful)
3. The acting skills I had when I was 11
4. Diplomatic immunity
5. A new kidney

Love,

Lindsay Lohan

Kiernan Dunlop '14

To Whom It May Concern:

We have suffered enough. The continual degradation of our people is both humiliating and insulting. Although we may be little, we deserve big compensation. We hereby commence the movement known as Occupy North Pole and present to you, Santa Claus, a list of the demands that, if not met, will result in the elimination of Christmas.

The Demands of the North Pole Elves:

Demand One: Double our wages. We want four candy canes an hour instead of two, no exceptions.

Demand Two: Annual vacation in the Bahamas. After working tirelessly all year to construct toys that bring joy to children around the world (and the old man in red getting all the credit), we deserve to sport our swim trunks and bikinis while toasting margaritas under the hot, island sun.

Demand Three: We want better living conditions than those pampered reindeer. Why, San'a, does Rudolph get to live in a posh high-rise overlooking the North Pole, while we elves must squander in close-knit cabins? These ceilings are too low, even for us!

Demand Four: Disposing of those hideous uniforms. Who would want bells chiming every time they step? It's degrading.

We hope that you see the necessity of meeting these demands. Until then, we shall reside in camps outside of the factory drinking hot chocolate and hanging mistletoe.

The fate of every child's happiness rests in your hands.

Signed,

The North Pole Elves

Dara Plath '13

Dear elves, little people, and others that bombard my mailbox with letters,

You are all horrible, selfish people. Don't you know there are children starving in Africa? Polar ice caps melting in Antarctica? A global economic crisis? People with botched plastic surgery? There are more important matters to be addressed in comparison to your sad, pathetic pleas for presents. I suppose for the last 2,000 years, I've acted as a sort of enabler. But no more! Consider this my manifesto against all of you. In short, you're all on my naughty list.

So, Jack? You want a tank and a submarine? What the heck? I'm not going to give a nine-year-old that kind of machine power. It's not legal, it's not safe, and I'm just not willing to put in the manual labor required to make that happen. Also, how do you expect me to get those in my sled? Rudolph's nose may be red, but it cannot work miracles. Just be happy if you don't get coal this year, you rascalion little rogue, you.

Now, Lindsay Lohan. You're right. You're on the naughty list. We all know you stole that necklace. Don't you know how the song goes? I see you when you're sleeping. I know when you're awake. I know if you've been bad and stole a necklace. I could deal with your promiscuous ways and your little spat with Hilary Duff, but your actions and choices in recent years have forced me to put you on the naughty list, indefinitely. I just can't deal with your hot mess of a family anymore. If it's not you, it's your mother, your father, or that insipid little sister of yours. I've had enough. Leave me alone. All subsequent letters you send shall be returned forthwith.

I will not touch upon the accusations made by the Occupy North Pole movement, nor will I comment on the Pope's letter. My lawyers have advised me against it. Moving on.

Holly. Holly, Holly, Holly. Don't you remember what I told you in the Candy Cane Break Room? It will never happen. Sure, we had that little fling before Mrs. Claus and I met, but it was nothing but the shenanigans of a young, fat kid who had never been talked to by a girl until he met you. I'm not that little (well, fat) boy anymore, Holly. You need to listen to your therapists. Move on, meet a nice elf, preferably one who's not five feet taller than you, like I am. Trust me, you'll be better off, and I'll be less disconcerted with your presence.

Yours sincerely (well, not really),
Santa Claus

Keely Mohin '14

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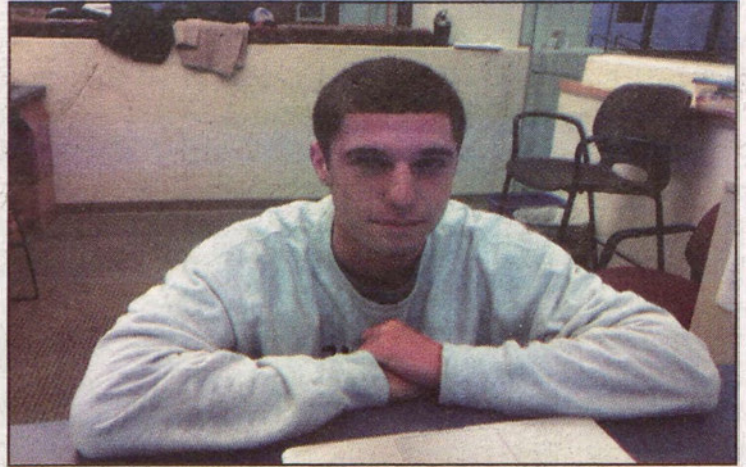
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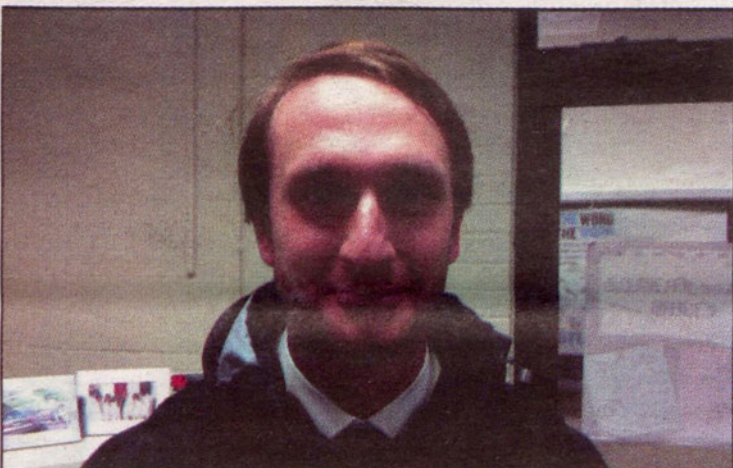
What do you want for Christmas?



"Endless pizza and refreshments."
Meredith Cook '13, Colleen Hayes '13



"For the Knicks to make the play-offs!"
Rob Laurendi '14



"Teeth."
D.J. McSwiggan '12



"JRW round two!"
Marykate Nelson '14, Brian Carolan '13



"For Coach Cooley to come down our chimney!"
Chris Montano '12, Charlie Novicki '12



"Chicks."
Colin Quinn '13



"Etiquette classes."
-Alec Baldwin

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ABOVE:

SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL

The annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols took place on Saturday, Dec. 5, featuring the Liturgical Choir and Schola Cantorum, directed by Sherry Humes Dane, and I Cantori and Concert Chorale, directed by Dr. Todd J. Harper.



ABOVE:

BILLY NAWROCKI '12/ THE COWL

Students sing merry holiday songs at an open mic in McPhail's sponsored by WDOM on Thursday, Dec. 1.



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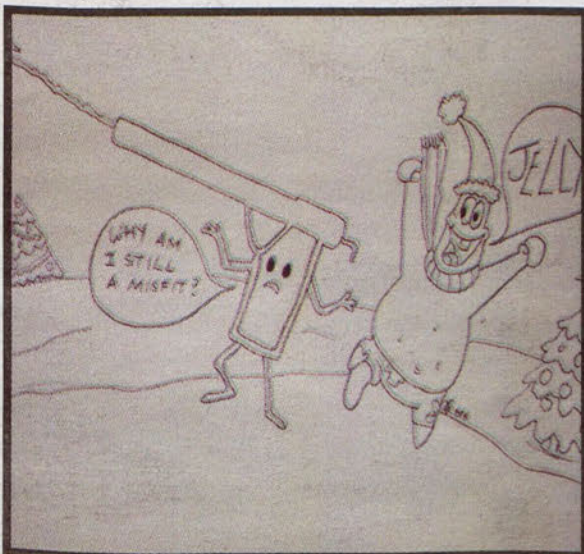
JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

On Monday, Dec. 5, BMSA hosted a "SnoGlobe" event that featured festive foods from various winter holidays.

Son of a Gun by Bridget Reed '12

RIGHT:

Despite record sales of firearms on Black Friday, nobody wants a pistol that shoots jelly.



BELOW:

On Monday, Dec. 5, the PC community, including Campus Ministry, The Cowl, BMSA, Student Congress, BOP, Friars Club, and WDOM hosted a Santa Shop event, coming together to donate toys for over 50 students at San Miguel School.



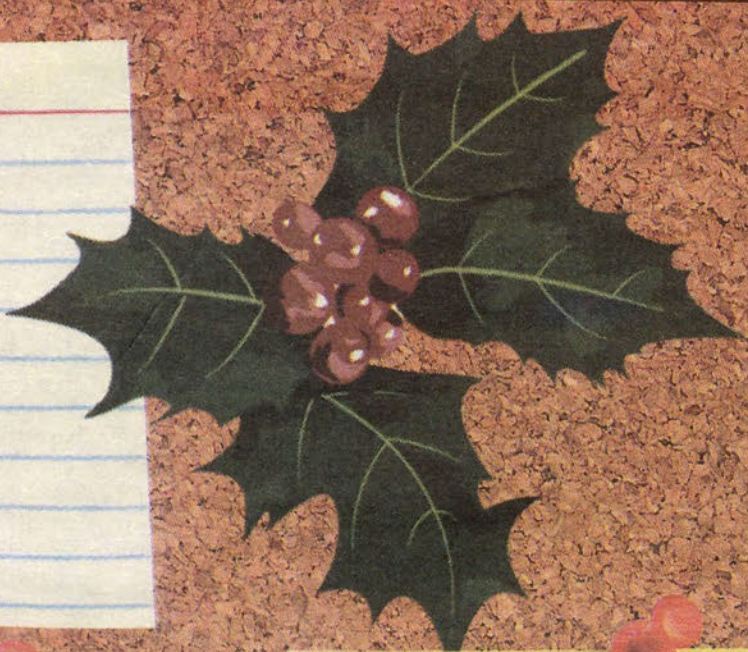
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LEFT:

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the SAIL Office presented the annual Christmas Tree Lighting with a blessing by Fr. Cuddy and Fr. Shanley, A Cappella singing, crafts, and winter treats.

A&E's Christmas Lists



Tim

1. A grande, sugar-free, iced soy caramel macchiato.
2. Emotions.
3. My own two-car garage.
4. The chinstrap beard of Arman Oganisian, future member of the .01%.
5. A pet monkey in an old-fashioned bathing suit.
6. Spectacular abs.
7. A pair of really large headphones (and a spot at the counter in Ray).
8. For Providence College to replace the squirrels on campus with puppies.
9. To find someone who will love me enough to feed me soup.
10. A mixture of Star Wars and Occupy Wall Street.

Katherine

1. Kale
2. A pink Forever Lazy
3. Shiny purple Skechers sneakers
4. A robotic vacuum cleaner
5. A Furby
6. Every season of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers on VHS
7. A VHS player
8. Overalls
9. Liam the Flava Doll
10. A Troll doll coloring book

Haley

1. For all of those creepy claymation Christmas movies to stop playing...over it.
2. For Maine to be recognized as a civilized state. "Where are you from?" "Maine" "...Oh."
3. On that note, I really want a baby moose.
4. Intravenous iced coffee or stocks in LaSalle Bakery, whichever is easier.
5. Nicki Minaj's voice
6. To be Flo from Flo's to Go
7. Cheesecake
8. A butt (...but not from eating cheesecake)
9. Every single season of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, The Office, Louis, and Arthur (you know, the aardvark)
10. Peace on Earth

Marisa

1. A personal assistant
2. A personal fashion consultant
3. Stephen King's new book, 11/22/63
4. Unlimited sushi delivered to my door
5. To get rid of the swarm of flies that live in Ray
6. Idina Menzel
7. Trader Joe's Green Tea
8. A Snickers bar... or multiple Snickers bars
9. Paul Rudd
10. Sweaters... so many sweaters

Sarah O

1. All I want for Christmas is you. This is just in case [insert name of hot, A-list actor here] happens to read The Cowl.
2. Yukon Cornelius to bring me silver and gold.
3. To be taken off the Naughty List? ;)
4. Smiles. Smiling's my favorite.
5. The singing voices of anyone and everyone in the PC a cappella groups.
6. Professor Reid to take my Civ exam for me.
7. A marriage proposal from my boyfriend, Tyler. (Sarah Seguin has a nice ring to it, don't you think?)
8. More McVinney fire alarms at 2:30 a.m. That was awesome! (Also more twitter followers: @fluent_SARAcasm.)
9. Summer. Suffering separation anxiety.
10. Someone to find my student ID. (LOL #freshmanfoul)

Sarah D

1. Shampoo for horses (because I have horse hair)
2. A decorate watering can
3. A barbie
4. Four dogs
5. Five golden rings
6. Frequent bopper cards for the world
7. Cardigans and sweaters (and the like)
8. A festive holiday dickey (a turtleneck sweater sans sweater)
9. Pre-Christmas, or Christmas, snow
10. A partridge in a pear tree

Catherine

Salutation to Santa. Topical allusion to the Occupy movement. My, 2011 has been quite the trip. Anyway, Santer, here's what I'm hankerin' for:

1. One large Café 412 Prosciutto pizza. Every day. For the rest of my life.
2. A Tim Morris look book.
3. Verve.
4. Panache.
5. Moxie.
6. Max Weinberg's lifeless stare.
7. A Bort license plate.

Funkily yours,
Cathbox

Let's Rant

by Sarah Dombroski '13
A&E Editor

This Week: Christmas Cheer

I can't say the phrase "Christmas cheer" without thinking of that line from *Elf*. Buddy was right, because every time I hear the opening bells of "Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)," my heart starts to swell to three times its size (a la the Grinch), and I can feel the urge to sing out the spirit and soul I am harboring within, bellowing from the base of my vocal chords. One can only trap Christmas for so long; it all eventually comes out in song. So here I am writing about Christmas cheer, while listening to Mariah Carey (Holiday) Pandora and eating a Christmas cookie. Frankly, all I want to do is sit in front of a Yule log and watch *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Right now, it's pre-Christmas winter, aka winter's prime. Before Christmas, everyone is excited about snow, icicles, holly, essentially anything green and red, and really any wildlife that can be found outside, because, before Christmas, it's festive. Post-Christmas winter? Not festive. Nothing is interpreted

as jovial—just irritating. So, let's focus on the good!

Speaking of the good, and since we already touched on music, on to movies. Although there is a cache of phenomenal Christmas movies, I would like to highlight one. As a lover of words and all things exaggeratedly lyrical, *A Christmas Story* is one of my favorites. The words seem to float along with the jocularity of Ralphie and the love story of his BB gun. Twenty-four hours of *A Christmas Story* emits the same Christmas magic that the storied Old Man himself (Santa) does each and every year. Now, if we're going for heartwarming fave, *It's a Wonderful Life* takes the cake. Bailey shouting that he'll give Mary the moon gets me every time. AND THEN, WHEN HE SEES ZUZU AND FINDS THE PETALS—ugh, it's just so wonderful (no pun intended).

I also feel like Christmas cheer blinds the fashionista, the brainiac, the jock, and the punk (a.k.a. *The Breakfast Club*) and all realize that deep down inside, they all look

good in ugly Christmas sweaters. Everyone really is the same, huh? I feel like this is a new-ish holiday tradition, but, as a lover of sweaters and all things tacky, this whole doing-way-too-much-Christmas-sweater-fest is really working for me. Just so everyone is on the same page: If you think it's too much, it's not enough.

Yes, my friends, the holiday season is upon us, and I'm feeling downright giddy. So, grab your closest pair of light-up reindeer antlers, down a hearty amount of eggnog, and belt out Whitney's tracks from "Soul for the Holidays" like you own the place. Cheers, and Happy Holidays!

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EDITOR VS. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Christmas Cookie

Sarah Dombroski

Favorite Christmas Cookie: Homemade Sugar

Her Views: There's nothing quite like a homemade sugar cookie. In my opinion, a homemade sugar cookie is an expression of individuality—let your creative juices run free! You cut your own. Fun. You decorate your own. More fun. Then you eat your hard-earned labor. The most fun. I love cookie day. Beth, my mother, makes sugar cookie dough from scratch, and then we let our imaginations run wild. A blue Christmas tree? The sky is the limit. Not only do I love sugar cookies because they are the most fun to make, but when the dough is made with love, nothing tastes as sweet.

Her Views of Tim: I'll give Tim the fact that gingerbread is seasonally appropriate, but frankly, I like making gingerbread houses better than gingerbread cookies. I don't think that gingerbread cookies are even comparable to the rapturous joy that ensues from eating your own, delicious creation. The melt-in-your-mouth delicacy that is a light and warm colored, SPRINKLED, and HOMEMADE sugar cookie is incomparable, especially to brown gingerbread. Also, gingerbread cookies imply cannibalism, and I will not stand for that.



Tim Morris

Favorite Christmas Cookie: Gingerbread

His Views: Gingerbread is *the* Christmas cookie. It's structurally sturdy and renewable. It provides millions of gingerbread men and women with an environmentally friendly material for the construction of their homes. Oh, and gingerbread is also edible. This cookie is so great that people keep it tied to the holiday season; it's better this way—God forbid we nibbled on gingerbread cookies all year long and got tired of them. Personally, the designing of elaborate gingerbread houses has been a Morris family pastime. We go all out: multiple floors, icing-trimmed roofs, swinging doors, and even garages. I just couldn't imagine Christmas any other way.

His Views on Sarah: Homemade sugar cookies may be good, yes. You get together with your family, pick from a wide range of molds, stick the cookies in the oven, watch them bake, and then eat them. Once that's all done, you can smother them with icing and sprinkles. But the grandeur of the homemade sugar cookie stops at edibility. As the adage goes: "Give an engineer a sugar cookie, and he'll eat it. Give an engineer some gingerbread, and he'll build you a delicious replica of the Louvre." Santa might enjoy the sugar cookies you leave by the fireplace, but he's a myth and, frankly, I'm an empiricist.

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Top 8 Places for Holiday Shopping (From Economical to Expensive)

by Haley Webster '14
A&E Staff

Modern Love 222 Westminster St.

Modern Love is a shoe store that trumps Berks. I should note it trumps Berks...if you're willing to drop some cash. But really, who on your shopping list wouldn't die for a pair of five-inch silver, glitter heels? If flashy isn't really what you're going for, it also has gorgeous boots and flats with a more conservative feel. The shoes range from \$100 and upwards, but if you catch a good sale, then you'll be set. It has tons of unique brands that are hard to come by, so whoever is lucky enough to receive a pair of riding boots or mocs from this establishment will be beyond impressed.

Sneaker Junkies 290 Thayer St. Providence, R.I. 02906

You know that store you see every time you walk out of Urban Outfitters that looks like a showroom just for Nike Dunks? Well, it pretty much is. These signature shoes are what fill the dreams of teenage boys and girls everywhere. Imagine the look on your sibling's face when he or she opens up the shoebox to find his or her new neon, plaid, and splatter-painted sneakers. Imagine the look on your face when you go to the ATM and your withdrawal is denied since you spent \$200 on a pair of shoes. Don't go here if you're looking to save some money, because you are guaranteed to find a pair that the gift receiver (or you) absolutely needs. While the shoes are clearly the store's focus, it sells OBEY (Fun fact: The guy who started OBEY went to RISD) and other popular apparel.

Frog & Toad 795 Hope Street

This little shop is renowned for its local wares and for sticking to its Rhode Island roots. Frog & Toad is one of many great shops on the often-forgotten Hope Street stretch downtown and has been voted the best of the best boutiques and gift shops in Rhode Island for years. For the holiday season, employees have filled the store with inexpensive and intriguing gifts for Christmas/winter. While it has charming trinkets, it also has a wide variety of seasonal apparel from local small businesses. It's staying local, and we're into that.

Urban Outfitters 285 Thayer St.

Wah, I know, it's not alternative enough for you. The honest truth is that Urban is the best place to go for cheap gifts (\$30 and under) for anyone on your list. Aside from the obvious choices like jewelry and winter gear (hats, gloves, scarves), it has an unusual selection of books that are a safe bet for those randos that you have no idea what to get. Plus, the UO on Thayer is always having some type of sale to lure in the broke college students in the area. We're not above trickery.

RISD Works (Museum Store) 2 College St.

Yeah, you have to walk all the way up the hill to get here, but it's worth it. Your parents will think you're so mature when they open up their pewter soap dish. If you're down to spend some money and want a unique and thoughtful gift, then head over to the Museum shop. It has everything from student paintings and ceramics (who would have thought?) to rare books and music. If the \$1,000 paintings aren't within your budget, there are plenty of gifts for under \$100 too.



Alex & Ani 201 Wayland Sq.

This Rhode Island company has made a major name for itself due to its gorgeous and eco-friendly jewelry. Its signature pieces are charm bracelets. Yeah, I know, charm bracelets, third grade status. But they're actually simple metal bangles with a single, delicate charm that could be anything from the tree of life to a serpent. They run from \$40-90 and make the perfect gift for any female in your life. They are the quintessential gift because they're made to be stacked, so once you give someone one, you can just keep adding to the receiver's collection. Too easy.

Nava 281 Thayer St.

A quirky Thayer staple, Nava is a thrifty shopper's dream. It features both new and vintage apparel, shoes, and accessories at college student prices, which should reassure even the most frugal shopper. Keep an eye out for chunky scarves, leather bags, and rings. While this is predominately a shop for women, there is a smaller men's section that has been known to have some pretty sick deals. Its stock changes all the time so it's not a bad idea to pop back in every now and then to snag its highly coveted pieces.

Queen of Hearts 222 Westminster St.

Queen of Hearts is the sister store of Modern Love. Where Modern Love has the shoes and accessories taken care of, Queen of Hearts is the clothing component. It has a wide range of apparel, tongue-in-cheek accessories, and perfume that will please anyone on your list. Similar to its sister store, the prices are a little (actually a lot) more expensive than what you would pay at a franchise store, but the holidays aren't the holidays if you aren't completely broke. A personal favorite at Queen of Hearts is its make-your-own-earrings bar with feathers and other bobbles so you can make custom earrings for a gift.

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FINAL JAMZ FOR FINALS WEEK

by Katherine Bacino '14
A&E Staff

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The campus halls are filled with coffee-buzzed students filtering through a semester's worth of chicken scratch. Saturday evenings are spent with poets of the Romantic period, and the library is becoming a permanent residency for many (including myself...first level table, far back corner, left side, is occupied, thank you very much). As the anticipation of another completed semester draws near, PC students are facing their final challenge of 2011: final exams. While these comprehensive monsters will destroy your sleeping patterns, encourage you to imbibe some caffeinated beverage, and force you to spend a copious amount of time with highlighters, do not fret! The final exam study period can be made more enjoyable with the simple addition of some really good music. Whatever your major and whatever your studying style, music could just be the key to your fulfillment of a six-hour cram session.

Music pairing is different for different people, so I would suggest testing out a few styles of music this week before the encumbering stress takes over next week. I prefer lyrics when I'm working with numbers and no lyrics when I'm working with words. Studying for math calls for pretty much everything, though I seem to always go back to the three trusty J's: Jack

Johnson, Jason Mraz, and John Mayer. There is something about the tranquility of each of their voices, accompanied by acoustic guitars that transforms some of the stressful energy of exam time to relaxation. I may not be on the beach or relaxing in an environmentally sustainable café, but my information-loaded brain doesn't realize it. Some of my personal favorites include Jason Mraz's "Dynamo of Volition," Life is Wonderful," and "Live High," John Mayer's "Why Georgia" and "Gravity," and Jack Johnson's "If I Had Eyes," "Never Know," and of course "Banana Pancakes" (the song never gets old!).

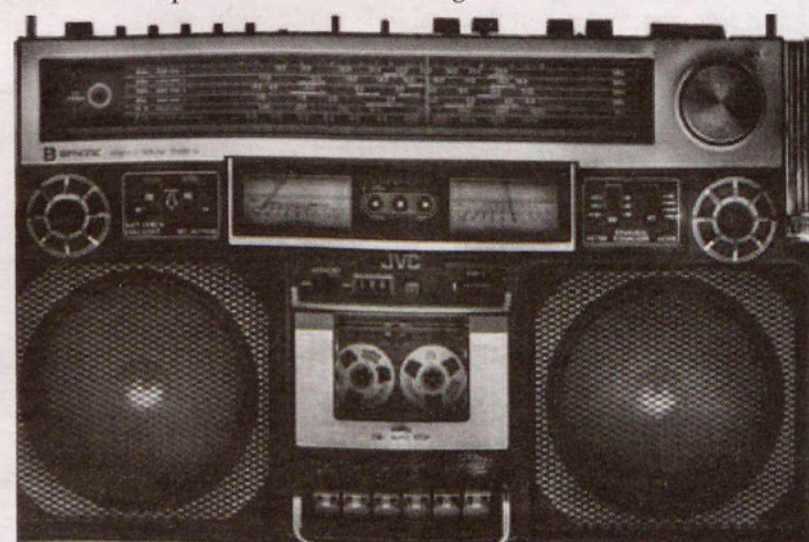
While reading material or reviewing notes, the lyric-free version of this musical calmness is preferred. Classical music is generally sufficient and convinces me that the intellectual stimulation babies receive from listening to Mozart may just correlate to my understanding of complex concepts within ancient philosophy. When writing, however, I still prefer a lyric-free number, although the repetitive beat and lyrics of techno music allow me to progress through my writing at a consistent rate. Avicii's "Levels (Original Mix)" is a definite must for this category, but Sebastian Ingrosso and Alesso's "Calling," Wynter Gordon's "By My Love feat. Fareoh," and Dinka's "Reach for Me" certainly have encouraging beats that will keep you tapping on that keyboard for hours.

Listening to music in a foreign language can be utilized in two contexts. In one sense,

if you do not understand the language you are listening to, it essentially becomes another "wordless" sound, and lyrical association will not be distracting. On the other hand, studies have shown lyrical association in a foreign language to help with the absorption of a language. So if you are studying for that Spanish exam, try a Juanes or Shakira station on Pandora. If you are studying for British Literature...Try something in Sanskrit or Cantonese.

For those who are not sure musical accompaniment will be a helpful study tool, there are other options beyond daunting silence. Sound Sleeping (<http://www.soundsleeping.com>) offers a variety of soothing sounds to "aid sleep, reduce stress,

and provide a relaxing atmosphere." The variety ranges from rhythmic drumming to the sound of rain, the ocean waves, a flowing creek, chirping birds, and even the crackling of a bonfire. Zen Desk (<http://aux.zendesk.com/wall/>) allows you to mix a variety of calming sounds inspired by those heard at a Malaysian Buddhist temple. If both nature and music still don't keep you focused, try Simply Noise (<http://simplynoise.com>). This Web site allows you to listen to colored noise (white, pink or brown), a soothing sound that may just drown out the voices in your head, or that student grinding her teeth next to you in the library...Good luck and happy listening!



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by Jorge Lucas '12
A&E Staff

Many of you have returned from Thanksgiving stuffed to the brim and ruing the day you ever laid eyes on a turkey. However, if you instead managed to impress yourself over the break by stretching your stomach just a little farther than you did last year, I have a special treat for you.

Without a Thanksgiving buffer to ease me into London's Christmas season, I've been thinking quite a bit about food (at least, more so than usual). Before I arrived here, everyone in the States was quick to provide me with advice, and one recurring warning had to do with British food. But I couldn't figure out for the life of me what there was to be so worried about.

Just think of the quintessential British dishes and try not to salivate uncontrollably: bangers and mash, fish and chips, shepherd's pie, and corned beef with more mash. Okay, so maybe post-Thanksgiving, these are more likely to induce a paralyzing stomachache than make you hungry for more. Ordinarily, though, such perfect marriages of meat and starch would be placed on an altar at any American's holiday feast. What isn't there to like?

A friend recently made me realize that the problem with British food is that it is utterly one-dimensional. Judging from the above list, I can't really deny that. But luckily for me, it happens to be my favorite dimension.

Right now, the only things stopping me from gaining the London 15 are the prices and the horrible exchange rate. But there is no reason that you should not be able to enjoy British cuisine back in Providence, even if you tell yourself that you're preparing for winter hibernation. So, here are four ways to experience the single best dimension in gastronomy.

English Cellar Alehouse
165 Angell St.

You may have noticed the entrance to this dungeon next to Phonatic, just off Thayer Street, but, like myself, never dared enter. As it turns out, this place

has a genuinely British atmosphere and menu, albeit a short one, that includes bangers and mash, fish and chips, and much more. The cod is fried to crunchy, golden perfection, though the ketchup, thank God, is American. Most impressive, and absolutely imperative, however, is the extensive selection of good beer, of which the Web site boasts they have 200 choices and rotating taps.

RiRa
50 Exchange Terr.

This establishment has been a popular staple among PC's Irish-American contingent for many years. And though it is actually a chain stretching along the East coast, its success is not unwarranted. The menu is broad with an interesting blend of American and Irish foods, and portion sizes are beyond satisfying. Admittedly, the party vibe at the bar can be far from British. Then again, bonding over a pint of Guinness should always be universal.

The Abbey
686 Admiral St.

Many students are already familiar with this off-campus pub, and some don't quite remember it for obvious reasons. It doesn't attract as big a crowd as Clubbie's or Old's, which means that the Abbey can maintain its warm, homey quality. With a ginormous homemade menu that is the staff's pride and joy and a 92-item beer list, the Abbey might just make you feel at home during the winter months.

Kabob and Curry
261 Thayer St.

Believe it or not, kebabs have become as British to me as spotted dick. London has a huge Indian population and, naturally, a wide array of delicious Indian restaurants. Chicken tikka masala was even allegedly created in the U.K. by Indian and Pakistani immigrants. The dish is so popular here that it was deemed a British national dish. Kabob and Curry on Thayer is rather one-dimensional in its own way, but you could blindly pick anything on the menu and fall in love with its creamy, spicy sauces.



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Picks of the Week

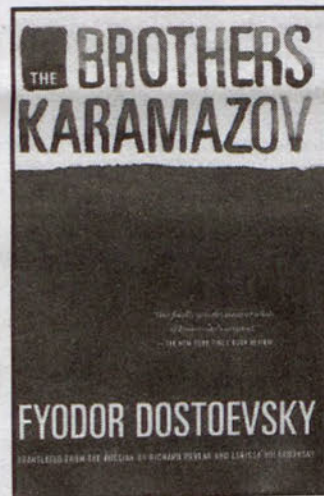
by Tim Morris '14
Asst. A&E Editor

Album
Beachcomber's Windowsill
Stornoway

Fun fact: "Zorbing" is the act of getting in a transparent, plastic orb and rolling downhill. It is also the title of one track on *Beachcomber's Windowsill*, the first album released by Stornoway. The members of this independent folk band, having met at Oxford University, formally got together in 2006 and released a demo version of another track, "I Saw You Blink," over a local radio station. Four years of production went into *Beachcomber's Windowsill*; the effort comes through in every one of its 11 tracks. "Zorbing" starts off the album with lyrics that draw a quirky comparison between the rush of love and the thrill of tumbling downhill in a huge ball—"I've been singing you this song inside a bubble, been zorbing through the streets of Cowley." The track works its way from a simple guitar chord to a trumpeting blast and back again, all while singer Brian Briggs lends it the far-reaching vocals of a choir member. A few tracks later, in "Boats and Trains," a piano melody bears an uncanny resemblance to that of Coldplay's "Trouble." Unlike Coldplay, Stornoway propels the rhythm forward with instrumentals—such as the slow crescendo of a tambourine—that match the acceleration of whatever train Briggs is riding. The remainder of *Beachcomber's Windowsill* is just as pleasing to the ear: Briggs masterfully aligns his voice with the folksy instrumentals that back him.



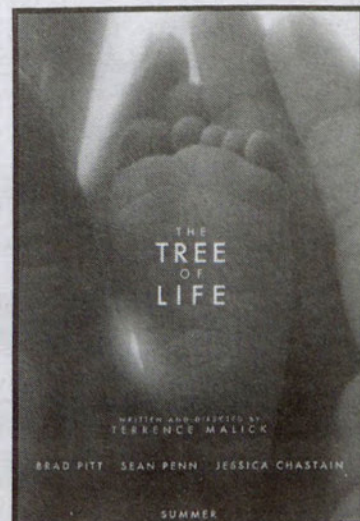
Book
The Brothers Karamazov
by Fyodor Dostoevsky



So, this novel might take more than a week to read. Fyodor Dostoevsky packs *The Brothers Karamazov*, his final work, with 646 pages of some Russian philosophizing—that is, if you have the version translated and edited by Susan McReynolds Oddo. Another version, translated and edited by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky, is a whopping 776 pages. Either way, the reader who is courageous enough to tackle *The Brothers Karamazov* may find that, at certain points, his разум becomes sort of мяткий. Did I just write that in Russian? Wow, I guess I did. What I meant to say is that "his mind" becomes sort of "mushy." Have no fear, though. Dostoevsky makes use of a format that goes something like this: action, action, action, pause, philosophical discourse, and then more action. As I read the novel, I started to wonder what it would be like if most Russian people had these heavy burdens weighing them down on a daily basis. Jeez, couldn't they be more like us Americans? We just do what we want. That ideology is exactly what Dostoevsky criticizes. In a novel that deals with issues of wealth, lust, and patricide, he puts some freedom on the table—right next to a much-needed shot of vodka.

Movie
The Tree of Life
directed by Terrence Malick

Do you like movies that make you think? Do you like movies that make you think so hard that your mind explodes in a supernova of existential understanding? Well, I do. I also struggle with navigating my way through those brief, meaningless greetings that people exchange as they briskly walk past one another. Seriously, slow down and take some time to think about what you *really* want to say—but that's another story. *The Tree of Life* pursues the more complex levels of human existence. While the 2011 winner of the Palme d'Or brings actors Brad Pitt and Sean Penn under the same title, their widely acknowledged talents are not the focus of the film. Writer and director Terrence Malick wants the viewer to ponder the significance of suffering in the world. It might be understandable if only the wicked met hardship, but those who are good? At the beginning of *The Tree of Life*, a voice whispers, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" This passage comes straight from the Book of Job. In sandwiching the life of one Midwestern family between digitally rendered sequences of the cosmos, Malick succeeds in giving one the impression that humanity is at once great and trivial in the scope of God's creation. Oh, and, if you think dinosaurs are cool, *The Tree of Life* contains a little bit of prehistoric action for your eye sockets—it had to be said.



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Friartown is Letting Me Down

Struggling with the Spirit of Entertainment

by Sarah O'Brien '15
A&E Staff

Warning: You are about to read a rant. I believe you would agree that attending sporting events is one of the most popular forms of entertainment in the world. We can also agree that sporting events can bring people with differences together (Olympics, anyone?). Finally, let's agree that Providence College's athletes have a lot of talent, and most of the Friars have had extremely impressive seasons so far.

All this is great. However, I would like to echo a sentiment expressed by Julia Claudy in last week's article, "Where has the School Spirit Gone?" Friar fans need to wake up, get loud, attend games, and support their teams. Some PC kids have it. Most do not.

As a freshman, I was looking forward to attending a school with Division 1 sports teams (Providence College doesn't have a D-1 curling team, so I would have to settle on being a sports' spectator...). I had never attended any college sporting events before, but I heard they could get wild. I came to PC anticipating clever chants, people with their faces (or even entire bodies)

painted, banners, silly string, balloons, beach balls, horns, whistles, you name it. At Midnight Madness, I wasn't disappointed. Schneider Arena was a sea of black and white and we all went crazy. Aside from the (dare I say it?) fool who yelled at the girl singing the national anthem, people kept their antics and enthusiasm under control.

I've been to two basketball games so far, both of which were exciting games and wins for Providence. Was the student section on its feet, cheering, shouting, having fun? No. It was, for the majority of the game, sitting, politely clapping when our team scored. Wait, are we college students... or just senior citizens? At the last home hockey game, several boys had to take the initiative during the second period to tell everyone to stand up. I'm sorry, but this should be a given. Possibly due to the revived crowd, the Friars came up with a 2-1 win in overtime against Merrimack, the top-ranked team in the nation (then they crushed the wimpy Warriors on Merrimack's own ice, 6-1, the next day).

Sporting events, like many other forms of entertainment, bring people together. Unlike watching movies, TV shows, and plays, however, watching

sports allows you to participate in something. You feel the pain of fouls. You get angry at poor ref calls. You are ecstatic and proud when your team succeeds. That's right, *your* team. You feel a loyalty and a sense of possession that cannot be obtained by *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* (or tweeting #ThingsLongerThanKimsMarriage: Voldemort's nose). Perfect example: my grandfather (an avid Giants fan) calling my father to congratulate *him* whenever the Patriots win the Super Bowl, as if my dad's coach-potato plays and screaming-at-the-T.V.-strategies did wonders for Brady and Co. I'll also never forget my father doing a legitimate leap, a toe-touch, when the Red Sox won the 2004 World Series (for the record: Hugh O'Brien *never* leaps). Sports are not just entertainment for many people—they are a lifestyle.

Supporting PC sports is one way we can all unite, put aside our differences, our Red Sox-Yankee rivalries (among others), and come together to celebrate all things Friar. I don't care if sports "aren't your thing." Maybe they will become your thing. I had never seen an episode of *The Buried Life* before its creators came to PC, but I made a semi-funny poster, crammed into '64 Hall,

listened to their lecture, and now I'm obsessed (Duncan and I will be getting married in June). Sometimes it's just as fun to pretend you are the biggest fan.

My plea, the point of this rant, is this: Live up to my naïve freshman expectations. Attend everything from the girls' swim meet to the boys' tennis match to the girls' basketball game. Make shirts, make posters, and make NOISE. Dance, sing, juggle... Just don't sleep. I'm not asking you to tattoo "Friar Pride" across your forehead. I'm just asking for a little (a lot of) school spirit. You can't spell "win" without an "I," so ask yourself: "Am I doing *everything* I can to cheer the Friars to victory?" The future of Friartown is on you. No pressure—see you at the game.

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

by Jorge Lucas '12
A&E Staff

This year's most exciting film would appear to be the perfect concoction for modern audiences: astounding visual effects, rip-roaring and globe-trekking adventure, dastardly villains, and Steven Spielberg in the director's chair. But as with most movies these days having spawned from comic books and established franchises, it will prove difficult for an unknown Belgian reporter to generate much excitement in the U.S.

That is not to say that Tintin, the star of 24 comic books and a cartoon series, is not famous everywhere else. Created in 1929 by Hergé (pen name of Georges Remi), Tintin has been translated into over 100 languages, and the author was made Belgium's national hero. Before he died in 1983, Hergé claimed that only one man could translate *Tintin* to the big screen. If he were alive today, he would know that he was right.

Steven Spielberg's *The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn* morphs three *Tintin* comics—*The Crab with the Golden Claws* (1941), *The Secret of the Unicorn* (1943), and *Red Rackham's Treasure* (1944)—into one exhilarating adventure. The intrepid reporter (Jamie Bell) stumbles upon a clue to the whereabouts of a 16th-century ship, the Unicorn, belonging to Sir Francis Haddock. Teamed with Haddock's descendant (Andy Serkis) and his loyal dog Snowy, Tintin must race to find it before the mysterious Sakharine (Daniel Craig), Haddock's nemesis, does.

The screenplay honors Hergé's creativity while admittedly improving on the stories with interweaving plot points and an adult sense of humor. Thanks to wonderful inventiveness by three British writers, Steven Moffat, Edgar Wright, and Joe Cornish, the story skips along briskly from action



set pieces to physical gags to a random side-story about a pickpocket, so that by the time Tintin is off chasing another adventure in a cliffhanger ending, one wonders where the time has gone.

The film's most divisive quality, unsurprisingly, has been its use of motion capture animation. Many critics are still skeptical of the technology's value. Hergé himself was a steadfast proponent of the latest technology in his day. So, away with old-fashioned naysayers! *The Adventures of Tintin* is a true feat in the youngest storytelling medium there is.

Mocap is not meant to be flaunted here. Spielberg, directing his first-ever animated feature, employs this nascent tool out of respect for Hergé, who always imagined his characters as real people. So as not to lose the magic of his illustrations, motion capture becomes a fitting compromise, turning Hergé's drawings into flesh and blood while preserving their exaggerated features.

Developed by James Cameron for *Avatar*, the improved mocap process allows the director to see his shots in real-time instead of waiting for the animators to render the images months later. If Spielberg was known for his fluid, meticulously choreographed camera work before *Tintin*, then this new technology only magnifies that trait tenfold.

Every shot is conceived to exhilarate the viewer, swinging and swooping through richly ornate environments. Sometimes he overdoes it during dialogue scenes, which can have a dizzying effect when coupled with 3D. But the action sequences are like nothing we've seen done before in Spielberg's fluid, restless style.

Beneath the computer-generated façade, there are real performances to esteem. Jamie Bell is sufficiently innocent and gumptuous as the blank slate that is Tintin, but the true *tour de force*, as always in motion capture, belongs to Andy Serkis. In his first animated human role, Serkis bears

Tintin's humanity, lending a tragic quality to the alcoholic captain and providing the film's funniest moments.

On October 24, as Madonna premiered her new film at the London Film Festival, Britain showed up in droves to the premiere of *The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn*, carrying their new and old copies of *Tintin* and hoping to get autographs from stars Jamie Bell, Daniel Craig, Simon Pegg, and Nick Frost.

The question now is: Will this excitement translate to American audiences? *Tintin* is easily Spielberg's return to the form he showed in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (as if the man needed another game-changer on his résumé). Let's not forget that Indiana Jones was a stranger to America when he made his debut, and we have loved him ever since. Over 80 years after his birth, I'm confident that Tintin, too, can prove himself just once more.

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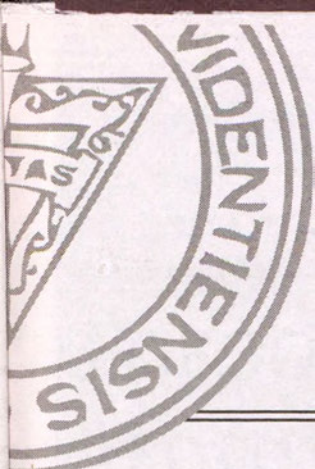
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GRINDERS

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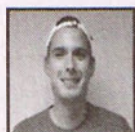
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Are You Team SEARS?

Widmer '12 and Other Students Want Dean Sears as VP of Student Affairs



by Max Widmer '12
Commentary Staff

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Providence College has been wasting its time.

Apparently, an extensive, nationwide search, countless interviews, interactive faculty and student sessions, and "your feedback" were all necessary to decide whether or not Steve Sears should remain at the helm of Student Affairs. Well, the search is nearing its end, and Sears's position is technically up in the air. As it stands now, he is one of four remaining candidates left in the hunt for a job that already belongs to him.

According to an e-mail from Father Shanley in late May, a "national search" was underway to find Father Murphy's replacement. The vice president of Student Affairs had to leave abruptly, and created an immediate void. In the meantime, it was announced that Sears, already the Dean of Students, would also hold down the vice president position as an interim (the universal codeword for "until we can find someone better"). Five months later, a successor has yet to be named, but the void left by Murphy has been more than filled.

It was clear from the beginning that Sears had no intentions of bridging a gap, no interest in treading water until the next guy took over. He knew he was more than a transitional puppet. He knew that the word "interim" meant about as much as the color of his tie. From his time as the Dean of Residence Life to his role as the Dean of Students, and now as the interim vice president, Sears's presence has

spread throughout the student body like wildfire. He has totally embraced his role on campus, vigorously delving into every corner of student life at PC.

Stats can't prove it, but I'd bet my degree that Sears has impacted more students on this campus than any other administrator. Take his poignant e-mails, for example; they alone tell all you need to know. Chew on this excerpt from a message sent to the whole student body only a few weeks ago:

"PC is a community so dynamic that it is often referred to as a family, and like family, we don't do everything right. What's more, I'm sure there are members of the family you'd hardly lose sleep over seeing less often. But maybe, just maybe, you've also come to know members that always seem to know just what to say when you need to hear it most, or that have already achieved the honor of doing something that has forever impacted how you live your life. They aren't

parents or siblings, but something different; not less or more, greatest or least, but different still, and perhaps by now, equally as meaningful to the person you're becoming."

If you still don't know who he is, you don't leave your dorm room enough. For starters, he's the guy who looks sort of like Superman before entering the phone booth, the same guy who casually won the Friar 5K. He's the one who students go to when they need help—when they're looking for a voice of reason.

Just ask around. Those who know Sears will tell you about his magnetic presence. They'll tell you that he's a pragmatist, not a bureaucrat, and how when you're around him, it doesn't feel like you're speaking with an administrator. They'll tell you how you will never leave a conversation with him without feeling better about yourself; how he is empowering and humble, as genuine as they come; how

he won't shy away from speaking about his family—beaming about his three boys and his wife and telling you how much he loves them; how he prays before meetings and often thanks God; how he's not timid when it comes to this. They'll tell you that Dean Sears doesn't just preach the mission of Providence College, he lives it.

In his short time with Student Affairs, Sears has helped foster a transparent relationship between students and administration. He encourages, constantly seeks, and actually utilizes student feedback. Those of us who were around three years ago know how far of a cry this is from the "Fortunato-era"—a time when polarity and discontent defined the same seat that now belongs to Sears.

The search is almost complete and we should be days away from an official announcement. Persistent e-mails asking for feedback have reduced Sears to "Candidate #4," and it is as Candidate #4 that he has undergone the same process as his competition. Something about it doesn't seem right. Are we supposed to be surprised that he made it to the final four? Are we supposed to congratulate him on making it this far? Frankly, I was just as shocked to learn that he was a finalist for the position as I was to discover that Christmas was in December this year.

Part of me is holding out hope that this whole search is simply a case of diligent procedural correctness. That there are rigid guidelines that need to be followed in the hiring process, regardless of how phenomenal an in-house candidate might be.

If that's the case, I guess I can applaud the thoroughness—the five long months of thoroughness.

After all, PC is a community so dynamic that it is often referred to as a family, and like family, we don't do everything right.

SENIORS: It's The End of The World As We Know It



by Kerry Vaughan '12
Commentary Staff

You probably don't have time to read this. You should be finishing up those end-of-the-semester papers and projects, and finding time to meet with the group you have to work with on that presentation you were assigned five days before finals (and then you should study). If you're a professor, you should probably be re-evaluating the practicality of assigning such things so late in the semester, and begin preparing yourself for grading, and lots of it.

I've been dreading this time for a while, not just because finals are in less than a week, and I'm struggling

to finish up the mass amounts of work I have to do. I'm also pretty terrified that 2012 will be here before we know it, but not because the Mayan calendar predicted the end of the world for that year, or because there's going to be a pretty crucial presidential election. I could deal with an anticipated apocalypse or another potentially painful presidency. I'm not sure I can even fathom the idea of graduating. Pretty soon the '12 that follows seniors' names is going to be a part of the date you write in your notes, and that is pretty scary stuff. Who would've ever thought the day would come when we'd only have one semester of college left? For the class of 2012, it's almost the end of the world as we know it. Which begs the question: Do you feel fine?

TEBOW: If Chuck Norris & Charlie Sheen Had A Baby



by Matt Santos '14
Commentary Staff

I hear that every time he laughs, an angel gets his wings. I hear that he knows where the beef is. I hear that he sweats pure testosterone, and he'll have your daughter home before parietals. You guessed it—Tim Tebow, praising his Lord and Savior and playing football like a budding superstar. It turns out that this past Sunday, Tim Tebow once again proved that he can't lose. He's winning more than Charlie Sheen and Chuck Norris combined. Week after week, analyst after analyst says that Tebow's luck will soon run out, that he won't prevail this time; his team's too hurt. His defense

can't keep bailing him out. Well, even on a day when his defense let up over 30 points, Tebow somehow managed to will his team to victory, even throwing two touchdowns rather than relying on his legs.

I've officially and unashamedly hopped onto the Tim Tebow bandwagon. I cannot remember the last time I saw a professional sports team play with the kind of camaraderie the Denver Broncos have, and it all centers around their fearless leader. It's not so often that sports stars act as the kind of moral model Tebow has managed to become and that too is incredibly refreshing. The fact that he only manages to prove people wrong every Sunday makes him all the more alluring. Man crush? Maybe. Deserved? Certainly.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Mysterious Mono. It's the sickness that originally tricks you into thinking you have the common cold, but alas, you wake up with swollen lymph nodes and an excruciating headache. You try to persuade yourself you have strep throat, although you are still not rejuvenated after 15 hours of sleep. Okay, now you have mono. You are incapable of swallowing food with rough textures and staying awake for more than a couple of hours. In other words, you can't eat food that tastes good or do anything that involves leaving your bed. Goodbye to the scrumptious Ruffles as you wait to retrieve your sandwich in Ray. Hello to water, pasta, and bananas. Still, you come to realize that gooey foods and relaxing in your bed aren't all that bad. As this virus currently spreads among the student body, victims can't help but wonder who they possibly obtained this virus from. Maybe it should be left a mystery for now, in order to avoid retaliation problems. It will be tough to battle this illness during final exams, but fortunately you will have a month to recover at home afterwards. I hope all those who are sick are able to trek through the final week of school one day at a time!—Christina Moazed '15

The NBA is Still Dead. Do I owe you all an apology? No! Yes, the NBA is back, but it is still dead. Sorry. How could this be? Look, I am not some old curmudgeon—then again, this is the second week in a row I am saying that, so maybe I am. Oh well. The fact of the matter is that the NBA was long gone back in September. What we are preparing to witness on Christmas day is a zombie. That is the best explanation I can think of. A curtailed season, marred beyond recognition by a debilitating, soul-rotting plague, the NBA is a dead man walking. You will not be able to look at the men dragging themselves up and down the hardwood without thinking about all the useless squabbling that filled the past couple of months. What are the signs that your league has become a zombie? Well, there are no definite signs; you just need to look out for odd behavior and incoherency. For example, Chris Paul demanding to be traded to the Knicks. It is ludicrous, and makes absolutely no sense. The only way they could pull off the trade would be to give the Hornets Amare Stoudemire, and that defeats the point of acquiring him in the first place. Yes, my friends, the NBA is dead. Good luck on your finals and enjoy watching the spectacle on Christmas day. I will be watching, and lamenting the loss of something I once loved.—Tommy Cody '13

The Lincoln-Douglas Style Debates. After testing his feet in the water as a Republican contender for president, Donald "The Donald" Trump is now qualified to host and moderate a debate for the highest office in the nation. A one man, public persona, inflating maestro, "The Donald" is always looking for new ways to promote his own figure. What is not surprising is that he actively sought the role of debate moderator. What is surprising is that a legitimate news corporation extended the offer seriously. Newt Gingrich has so far been the first candidate to confirm his attendance in the Newsmax debate hosted by Trump. Ironically, Gingrich and Trump are almost equally self-aggrandizing and bombastic. A match made in political heaven. What may really be taking place is a devaluation of political debate. In an effort to promote "gotcha" questions—to paraphrase Sarah Palin—the mainstream media, with few exceptions, has already sensationalized debates to the point where the winner is the candidate with the most creative zingers, not necessarily the greatest substance. Inviting in the charade of a Trump-moderated debate further sensationalizes the debate, but also crosses the line into a reality T.V.-like environment. A more worthy debate format is the "Lincoln-Douglas style debates," where each candidate must expound at length on a public policy question. Rather than one minute answers, thirty second rebuttals, and two minute commercial breaks, the debaters have upwards of 10 minutes to craft a reasoned and eloquent response. What do you think measures the depth and ability of a potential president more, a five second sound bite or lengthy, substantiated, and nuanced discourse? Interestingly, Newt Gingrich has been a strong proponent of these types of debates and will be conducting one with Jon Huntsman. Gingrich seems to play the Jekyll and Hyde character adeptly, switching between a self centered Trump-like media sensation and the professorial substance-oriented candidate. One thing is clear. "The Donald" should not be the moderator of our political discourse. Putting Trump in the moderator's chair is akin to giving an unrepentant pyromaniac access to matches and a 10-gallon drum of diesel fuel.—Ewen Finser '12

Only a Grinch Doesn't Say Merry Christmas!

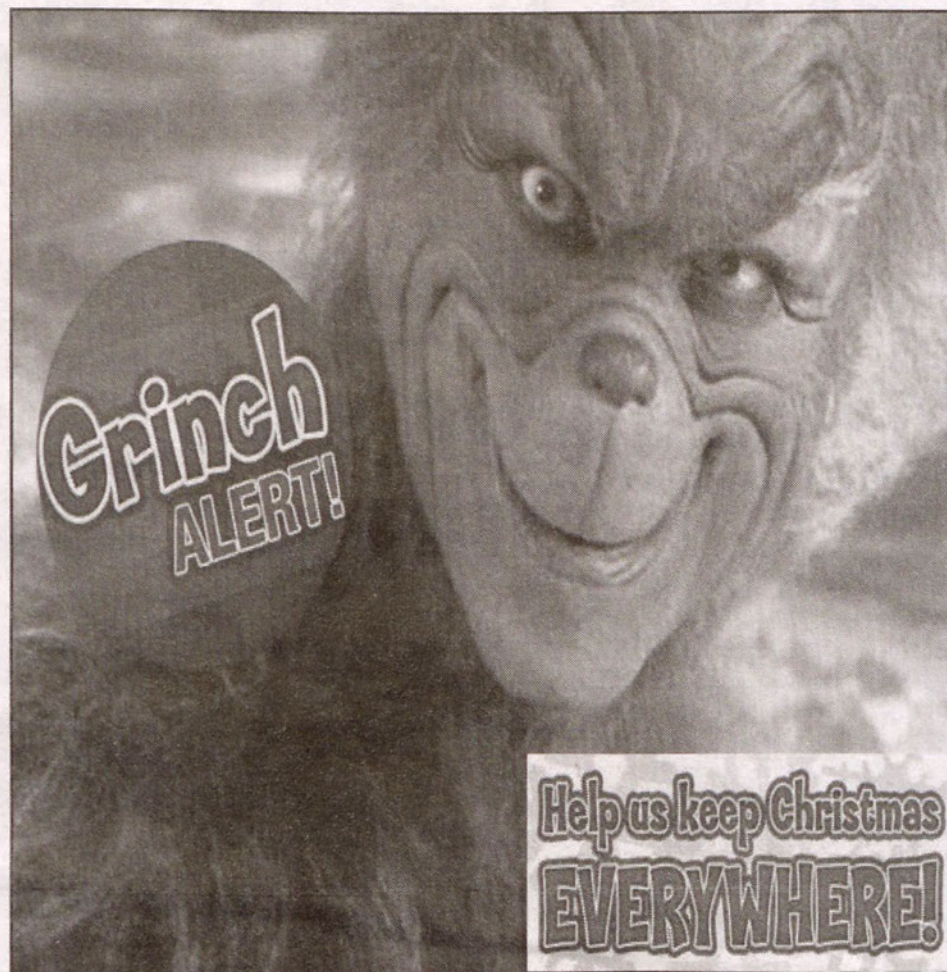


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SOCIETY

I propose we take the political correctness out of Christmas. What bothers me more than those insisting that everyone should say "Happy Holidays," are those who think we should compromise Christmas because not everyone celebrates it.

Let me start by saying "Merry Christmas to you all." Every year I have to hear it: "Happy Holidays," "Season's Greetings," "Holiday Tree." We shouldn't have to use euphemisms for Christmas.

This year in particular, I'm sure many of you have heard about Rhode Island's "Holiday Tree" at the State House. The governor of Rhode Island insisted on calling the State House's tree a "Holiday Tree." Chafee said this week, "Calling it a holiday tree

and joy. It is not meant to insult anyone. If you do not celebrate Christmas simply say, "Happy Hanukah" or "Have a nice day" in response.

The idea of disrespect due to saying "Merry Christmas" has been blown way out of proportion. How is it offensive or disrespectful? Yes, a person may not celebrate it, but how is it offensive? We are not trying to convert you, shun you, sprinkle holy water on you, or shave your head for a cult. So take it warmly, and if you choose, respond with a different greeting.

In fact, I think it would be relatively difficult to actually find people who are offended by "Merry Christmas." I know that if I were to receive a "Happy Hanukah" or "Happy Kwanzaa" greeting, I would happily take it. Although I don't celebrate these two holidays, these greetings do not devalue Christmas the way the term "Happy Holidays" does.

We have religious freedom in this country, so we should be able to say "Merry Christmas" whenever we want, without being criticized. Should we stop saying "Happy Fourth of July" because

KEEP POLITICAL CORRECTNESS OUT OF CHRISTMAS. CALL IT A CHRISTMAS TREE.

is in line with the state's founding by religious dissident Roger Williams as a haven for tolerance, and as a place where government and religion are kept separate." There is no government holiday at this time of year. So what kind of holiday would be using the tree, if not a religious one? This tree, regardless of what anyone calls it, is a religious tree. Now, keeping this in mind, what other holiday around this time of year uses a tree as a decoration besides Christmas? No other holiday does. Therefore, I see no problem with calling it what it is—a Christmas tree.

What I suggest is that everyone just says what they want. "Merry Christmas" is a completely harmless, warm greeting. It is meant with the utmost good spirit

people have been born in a different country? No. Christmas has continually been secularized, and it needs to stop.

These politically correct Grinches have made Christians feel as if we are intolerant of others if we say "Merry Christmas." This is political correctness gone too far. I doubt these people would have the same response if someone said, "Happy Hanukah" or "Happy Kwanzaa."

Keep political correctness out of Christmas. Call it a Christmas Tree. Greet people with whatever your holiday greeting may be, but please don't diminish the significance of your own holiday by saying "Happy Holidays." Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

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MY HUMBLE Opinion...



by Jenn DiPirro '12
Commentary Editor

...Christmas is
Thanksgiving
on Speed

In my humble opinion, Christmas is Thanksgiving on speed. Everyone from hipsters to right-winged, pistol-touting men of the Lonestar State are scrambling for cash and the perfect stocking stuffers. Children everywhere are preparing lists of their wants. Ornaments and lights adorn every house on the block and those without such tacky displays are shunned. There is a general anxiety in the air. Mom is cleaning the house as if His Holiness is coming to dinner. Dad is complaining about the checkbook, the various Christmas expenses. Shaw's is depleted of turkeys and honey hams and CVS is fresh out of wrapping paper. Credit cards are maxed. Is this what Christmas is all about? Scripture would say otherwise, but as a money-hungry marketing major, I say this my friends, is my favorite time of the year. Advertising. Big money. Emotional appeals. Whatever is cool sells. No one said it was moral. Perhaps it is the miserable, material aspects of Christmas that unite all of us. Two mothers fighting over the last Tickle Me Elmo in Toys 'R' Us have a common understanding. That understanding comes down to one simple truth: This sucks. Christmas rushes in and then it is out like yesterday's garbage. So we blame the advertisers. We blame the large corporations. But really, my friends, I blame all of you. Everyone from little Cindy Lou-Who writing out her Christmas list to your mother going psychotic as she scratches each family member off her Post-it note. What would Christmas be without this insanity? It would be Thanksgiving. So write out that list, kids. I know that when the presents are under my tree, Burberry and Steve Madden will have some fat checks to cash. Ho-ho-ho, Cha-ching, Cha-ching.

MY HUMBLE Opinion...



by Genevieve Ilg '14
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...Gift Giving
Has Lost its
Meaning

The Assistant's Turn

In my humble opinion, gift giving has lost its meaning. Last week, I wrote a tangent about the controversy of gift giving on Christmas. I've received comments about it—those of light-hearted amusement. True, my tangent rhymed, and it was one of my more laid-back pieces. This week, I thought I would continue to write on this theme, but in a more straightforward fashion. Gift giving was popularized during the Medieval era, a time period almost entirely influenced by Christianity. The exchange maintained social status and an understanding of social hierarchy. The cross-cultural exchange of presents required a great deal of thought—a thought process that underwent months of planning and one that became a financial burden. As I established last week, reciprocity on Christmas is a symbolic reflection of the gift giving seen in the Nativity Story. Today, individuals are neither proving their status within French courts nor impressing royalty. With the Christmas season, a sense of obligation is always imposed on the giver. As a result, there is very little thought put into gift giving these days. It's easy to buy diamond stud earrings for your girlfriend and a tie for your brother—these objects are typically worn (safe bets). But when searching for the right gift, ask yourself *why* you are choosing to purchase it. Is it a matter of convenience or meaning? Gift giving is a form of expression—a way of expressing love, friendship, hope, happiness, joy, gratitude, recognition, and appreciation. Gift giving is an art form. Express yourself.

Love at First Sight

Examining a Life Spent in Vocation: Not Your Typical Love Story



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RELIGION

It was love at first sight. This isn't your typical love story. What if love at first sight could denote not only a man and a woman knowing right away that they love each other, but a man or woman knowing that they are in love with Christ? It can. Although many of us have romantic ideals and perhaps aspire to one day marry, this is not our only option in life. You see, 2,000 years ago, Love was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Imagine a life entirely devoted to Love in the person of Jesus Christ—a life as a nun or priest. Consider.

Oftentimes, people are in love with someone who has been under their nose all the time. Perhaps some of us may be trying too hard to find that special someone and not realize that He is with us in the tabernacle when we attend Mass. Of course, Christ should be the center of our lives, regardless of whether or not

we are called to the married, single, or religious life. What could matter more than living our earthly lives in accordance with a God who has showered us with innumerable blessings and offers us the chance to abide with Him in eternal happiness?

Today's culture certainly does not posit the religious life as an option for young adults, who, according to the prevailing wisdom, should be studying for their MCATs or LSATs so that they can gain admission to

follow a certain career path, I realize how narrow-minded and selfish I was in failing to ask God to guide me. Instead of becoming enslaved to God's will and deprived of what we want, we are set free because we follow the course that God knows will make the most of our gifts and lead us to paramount happiness.

Why not embark on the highway to Heaven rather than chart a course along a career path? To be the bride of Christ is to marry a God who will

of Christ towards us in a friendship that overflows with fidelity and love.

Marriage is a beautiful institution and is God's way of uniting two people to spend the rest of their lives growing in love for one another and ultimately, for God. However, even marriage does not quench our thirst for the eternal which only God can satiate. There is a yearning in all of us, and imagine how wonderful it would be to have a foretaste on earth of the eternal bliss that awaits us in Heaven. The extreme joy that priests and nuns evoke is overwhelming.

Although our culture would assign a miserable life of drudgery to the religious, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia absolutely glow with joy because they are fulfilling the call to follow Christ. Saying "I do" to live a life centered on God and not a human spouse may just be your vocation. We must take care to be ever vigilant and hearken not to our own voices, but to the voice of God written on our hearts that guides us with the most loving hand of all. Saint Cecilia said, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!"

“IMAGINE A LIFE ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO LOVE IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.”

prestigious graduate programs and eventually land a flashy job. But who are we really thinking of when we simply pursue careers that are popular? Sadly, we may not even be thinking of what we want, but rather what society values. Instead, we should carefully search ourselves not for what we demand as our entitlement, but for what God plans for us. "But I want to do what I want to do." Although I entered college convinced that I would

eternally abound in love for us. With God, we will never experience the common grief of unrequited love. He will never leave us waiting for Him nor will His light abandon us in the darkness. "We'll be friends forever, won't we Pooh?" asked Piglet. "Even longer," said Pooh. An appealing thought in childhood, friendship is a tricky business and no friendship is eternal. None, that is, but one. God literally extends the human hand

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Post-Graduate Thoughts from the City of Protest

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SOCIETY

Out-of-touch Conservatives (let's all stay indoors on weekends and play friggin' scrabble), Teabaggers (let's all hate Obama, but really only because he's black), and overzealous religious folk (let's all stay indoors and play Bible scrabble), ignore the message below. I spent way too much time trying to convince you all of the beauty of progressivism during my time at *The Cowl*, and clearly it only served to strengthen your closed-minded views about how the world should be. There were three separate occasions in which an angry guest commentator said that they'd pray for my poor soul, and to that I say: "HAH." The following is an open call to all the blue-blooded, bleeding-heart liberals that I know exist as a vocal minority at my alma mater. Papa Bear is disappointed, because from what I hear, y'all are slackin'. Take notes, kids, it's going to be a bumpy ride.

In the spring of 2009, the Progressive Alliance (consisting of members of Progressive clubs on campus) fought valiantly in protest of the Youth for Western Civilization. A group of modern-day racists, it wasn't long until several students, myself included, discovered their anti-Islamic, homophobic, anti-multicultural, anti-BMSA rhetoric (#shoutout1). On one occasion, one of the members of the never-to-be-official organization said on WDOM, "AIDS is a gay disease, let's not pretend it isn't." I was a member of the Society Organized Against Racism (#shoutout2) at the time, and together with a few dozen concerned students, we organized a peaceful, silent, but arguably loud, 300-person-strong protest against the obviously racist former Congressman

Tom Tancredo, who had been booked by the YWC, but was denied access to the College because the YWC thought they were above paperwork.

In the fall of 2009, I was chosen by Durex's Great American Condom Campaign to be a source of free condoms (500 of them). This was a collaborative effort, as I also obtained around 500 more condoms from fantastic sources such as Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island and AIDS Care Ocean State. With a handful of my dear friends (one of whom was in crutches at the time), I stuck notes on them saying, "PC is one of the least sexually-healthy campuses in the U.S." and "Fight AIDS, use a condom!" We then delivered these condoms to most of the dorms: under doors, out of elevators, in couches (BOP, check inside your leather couch). *The Cowl* reported this incident in its December 10 issue. Residence Life was quoted saying that the issue would be investigated. Spoiler alert: it wasn't.

In the spring of 2011, me and a biffle of mine, Beth Killian, along with others, held Providence College's first Marriage Equality rally. We had a solid attendance of allies and PC's queer population (they exist, they were born

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OCCUPY HAS A MESSAGE. ”

that way, accept it) that drew attention from city media and the community. We even had a drag queen show up in full-frock, which was faaaabulous. Out of respect for the college's mission, one that doesn't address homosexuality, we held it on school grounds. Much like Tancredo, we had a counter-protest consisting of a failed marine, a white nationalist, and other cast members of the Village People.

So, Providence College liberals (you exist, you were born this way, accept it), where the frick are you? Have y'all given up on fighting The Man? Is there no possible cause (Occupy) worth (Occupy) fighting (Occupy)



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for? Is there no (Slavin) lawn (Slavin) that (Slavin) you (Slavin) could (Slavin) demonstrate? Is it too (\$40 bucks on Amazon) expensive (\$40 bucks on Amazon) to (\$40 bucks on Amazon) buy (\$40 bucks on Amazon) a tent?! Get your stuff together.

Ignore the media (except this one). Occupy has a message. It's saying "the banks got bailed out, we got sold out." It's saying, "the rich get richer, the poor get poorer." It's

of a weekly-meeting, 80-member-strong body that writes resolutions (read: suggestions) to be placed in the administration's suggestion box (read: incinerator). Why is SHEPARD not a Gay-Straight Alliance? Gays can marry in Rhode Island now (well... pretty much). Why can't we have a transgendered person speak? Ask a scientist. Why does the issue of diversity only mean we need more black kids at PC? Who of you is asking these questions? Why is everyone so scared? Why is the majority of this article being censored when there is no administrative mandate to censor it?

I don't know most of you, or maybe I've forgotten who some of you are. But it's my civic duty to be here to support. E-mail me at noypil@gmail.com. I'd love to hear about how much you suck at organizing, and then I'll even buy a couple of you a tent to get you started. Out-of-touch Conservatives, Teabaggers, and overzealous religious folk, however, needn't bother; I've heard it all before, so I may just print it out on sheets of Charmin and wipe my butt with it.

saying, "the system...has got to die, hella-hella occupy." It's not an overly-complicated theme. Corporate greed and corporate influence on politics is what's causing a lot of our picket signs to be written, and our picket lines to be formed. Finally, something we all can agree on, and y'all still business as usual. It's okay to make demands of Shan-man. His job exists because of you (and not, funnily enough, because of God). It's alright to complain about how the school is running. You're paying enough money to let you do that. Congress isn't the student voice, it's the administration's way of letting you vent your frustrations in the form



CORR

Values



by Emily Corr '13
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They were a generation of heroes. Known for their selflessness, bravery, and sheer courage in the face of adversity, they sacrificed everything they had—which was barely anything—to protect each other from the evils that plagued the world. Young boys became patriotic men, trading in baseball bats for rifles. Young girls became laborious women, working the factories by day and the households by night. They were a generation that grew up too fast. But they were

a generation of dust that rose from the ashes. They had nothing, but gained everything.

These men and women are the World War II generation.

But what does it take to define a generation? Surely there must be a good way and a bad way: by action, or lack thereof, by courage, or

nothing. That sounds like our generation.

Right now, we have the chance to change the course of history. We can be the heroes of our generation. We, too, can be remembered for our selflessness, our bravery, and our courage. We can be forever immortalized as the generation that rose from the ashes, the ones who made something out of nothing.

The ones who made not a living, but a life.

Why am I telling you this? Why, at the semesters end, would

“ BECAUSE A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHANCE
IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. ”

lack thereof; by wisdom or lack thereof. The WWII generation embodied these ideals. What made them so remarkable is that they were able to do something so powerful with so little.

As I thought about their incredible feats and admirable acts of heroism and love, their story sounded eerily similar. Then it hit me.

Trying to make something out of

I encourage you to defy the odds and make our generation worth remembering? Because a new year, a new chance, is just, around the corner.

This New Years Eve, forget the resolutions about going to the gym or sticking to a new diet. Instead, promise to be a hero. Surrender yourself to others in service. It's not always easy. It will break you and

bend you. But until we learn to act out of sincere love and care for others, this life isn't going to get any easier.

The To Write Love on Her Arms Campaign embodies this very ideal. "We are only asked to love, to offer hope to the many hopeless. We don't get to choose all the endings, but we are asked to play the rescuers. We won't solve all the mysteries and our hearts will certainly break in such a vulnerable life, but it is the best way. We were made to be lovers, bold in broken places, pouring ourselves out again and again until we're called home."

Our economy is in free fall. Our government is plagued by scandal and indecision. Our country is fighting a war overseas. In a way, things could not be worse. But desperate times call for great leaders.

Do not miss your chance to defy history. Save the world. Be a hero. Let's make this generation worth remembering.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Commentary Staff



by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.

Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma is commonly misunderstood as the miraculous conception of Christ in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But the great mystery that we celebrate is not Our Lord's conception, but that of Our Lady herself. The Church confesses that Mary, from the very first moment of her conception, was preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

The reason for this singular gift from God has to do with Mary's part in the plan of salvation. It makes sense that, in order to become the mother of the Savior, Mary would be enriched by God with the gifts she needed to assume such a wonderful role. Christ's first earthly home was in the womb of the Virgin, and so, God made her a spotless and perfect dwelling, suitable for his Incarnate Son. The angel Gabriel confirms this sublime reality at the moment of the Annunciation, when he calls her "full of grace."

I mention all of this for a couple of different reasons. First, it's important that we come to know the tenets of our faith more and more fully. But studying the teachings of the Church has to be about more than that. It has to be more than simply enlightening our minds. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception—like all of the Church's beliefs—can have a profound effect in our lives if we let it. But how? What difference should it make on our lives that Mary was spared the scourge of original sin?

When the angel came to Mary, she responded with faith and obedience to the angel's word and became the mother of Jesus. But that doesn't mean that she wasn't surprised. How could she have anticipated that the long-expected Savior would come into the world through her? Who was she, that she should enjoy such favor with God? How could she ever fulfill the task that was being given to her? The answer to those questions lies in the mystery of the Immaculate Conception. In ways that surpass understanding and were utterly unknown to her, God was at work in the life of Mary from the beginning to give her what she needed to bring Christ into the world. And this relationship with God—one that was in many ways hidden from her—can make all the difference in our own lives.

We can often be surprised by what God is asking of us in our lives, plans that once seemed so certain fall through. New opportunities present themselves, and we can find ourselves overwhelmed and under-equipped to carry out God's plan. But the Immaculate Conception shows that the Lord never asks anything of us without giving us the necessary help to embrace and fulfill our vocations.

God always seems to be throwing us curveballs and our lives are full of surprises. His plan is only revealed to us slowly and in pieces. But there are no surprises for God. From the very beginning of our own lives, the Lord knows where we are going and what we'll need to get there. He's been preparing us all along, often working in quiet and imperceptible ways. Armed with this knowledge, we can walk confidently into a future that is yet unknown. His plan might seem strange and we might think that we are not up for the task, but we can take comfort in the same words that the angel spoke to Mary: "With God, nothing is impossible."

Tiffany & Earl

*Making PC an emotionally
stable place one letter at a time*



Dear Foot-in-Mouth,
If there's one thing that I've learned from working in an office with such an eclectic group of people (i.e. *The Cowl*), it's that words are dangerous. That's right—we're talking sharp-edged-sword dangerous. You know that old adage, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words

can never hurt me?" Whoever came up with that little mantra was further off the mark than the astronomers who decided to label Pluto a planet (sorry, Pluto, but this isn't about you). In my opinion, it's more like "sticks and stones may break some bones, but words can pierce the heart." Words can be used in so many ways: They can inspire, they can console, and unfortunately, they can also injure. We are privileged to live in a nation that was founded on the elements of freedom, including freedom of speech. Still, you have to be careful about voicing your opinions in today's society, particularly when addressing such controversial topics as religion, race, gender, and sexual orientation, not to mention your roommate's musical choices. Life doesn't come with a "delete" button, and whenever you're putting your thoughts into words, especially printed words (magazines, web postings, or even newspaper articles...), you need to think about how other people are going to receive your comments. Even if some people laughed when you called J. Biebz the infant with a wig, you have to remember that there really might be infants with wigs out there, or someone related to an infant with a wig, etc. Thankfully, words also provide the remedy you're so desperately seeking. I think the two you're looking for are: I'm sorry.

Tiffany

This Week: Facebook Faux Pas

My friend put up cheesy lyrics on her Facebook status the other day. I couldn't resist and I made fun of her in the comment box. I said some really inappropriate things that I thought were funny at the time but actually really offended her. I feel terrible. How can I make this better?

Sincerely,
Open Mouth, Insert Foot

Dear Footsie,
There's an important line here. The line gets crossed when people get MAD instead of GLAD when they read your Funny Jokes. Oops you goofed bro. It's always a bad idea to offend people when you are trying to make them laugh and enjoy life. Be sure to write her

a nice, indirect, and passive-aggressive apology note. If you can't even manage that, you have other options. The first plan of action is to destroy the evidence. But it's too late for that, amigo. You could take the honorable way out, like Hitler. That seems a little extreme but it worked for him. But I think the mostly-sincere apology is the best way to discharge the opprobrium. Right now, that poor girl is stewing in her depression. You have to fix that. Maybe buy her an inappropriately intimate Christmas gift, then transition into asking her out? This could be the beginning of a beautiful relationship. You guys might wind up awkwardly avoiding conversation and eye contact for months. That'll patch over the current issue and replace it with something more comfortable—a Korean War-style armistice. All that's left is to rally the Khmer Rouge to your cause and begin collecting the populace in urban centers. A glorious communist utopia awaits!

Your comrade,

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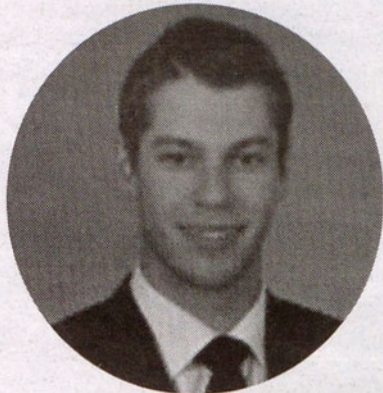
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Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Alex Beaudry
Men's Ice Hockey
Senior—Cumberland, Ontario.

Beaudry recieved the honor of Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week after the goalie helped the Friars defeat Merrimack. He had a combined 49 saves in two matches.



Teya Wright
Women's Basketball
Senior—Paterson, N.J.

Wright was named to the Big East Weekly Honor roll this week, after averaging 19.5 points and 14.5 rebounds in the Brown Bear Classic. She shot 72.7 percent from the field.

Scores

Thursday, 12/1		
Men's Basketball vs. Holy Cross	W, 82-77	
Friday, 12/2		
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Merrimack	W, 2-1 (OT)	
Saturday, 12/3		
Women's Basketball vs. Fairfield	W, 75-43	
Men's Ice Hockey at Merrimack	W, 6-1	
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Boston University	W, 4-3	
Sunday, 12/4		
Women's Basketball at Brown	L, 70-57	
Women's Ice Hockey at Boston University	L, 2-1	
Monday, 12/5		
Men's Basketball vs. Brown	W, 80-49	
Tuesday, 12/6		
Men's Ice Hockey at Boston College	L, 4-1	

Schedules

Friday, 12/9		
Women's Basketball at Massachusetts	7:00 p.m.	
Saturday, 12/10		
Men's Basketball vs. Bryant University	12:00 p.m.	
Monday, 12/19		
Women's Basketball vs. Delaware	7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, 12/20		
Men's Basketball vs. New Hampshire	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, 12/22		
Women's Basketball vs. Clemson		

Standings

Men's Hockey East

Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Boston College	9	3	0	12	5	0
Merrimack	7	2	1	10	2	1
Boston University	6	4	1	8	5	1
UMass Lowell	6	3	0	9	4	0
Providence	6	4	0	8	7	1
Maine	5	5	1	6	6	2
New Hampshire	4	6	1	6	8	2
Northeastern	3	7	2	6	7	2
Massachusetts	2	6	3	5	7	4
Vermont	1	9	1	3	11	1

Women's Hockey East

Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Northeastern	8	2	1	13	4	1
Boston College	7	2	1	12	4	1
Providence	6	4	1	8	9	3
Boston University	5	4	0	10	9	1
Maine	4	5	1	9	7	4
Connecticut	2	5	2	3	12	4
Vermont	5	6	2	3	10	6
New Hampshire	0	6	2	6	10	3

Friars Only Two Points Out of First Place

by Meg O'Neill '12
Sports Staff

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The Providence College Women's Ice Hockey Team split the weekend series with Boston University at home, 1-1. The Friars' Hockey East record increases to 6-4-1, bringing them within two points of first place teams Boston College and Northeastern University. Their overall record is currently 8-9-3.

On Saturday night, the Friars beat the Terriers at Schneider Arena by a 4-3 victory. PC was the first to strike, scoring just over four minutes into the game. Kate Bacon '12 attacked the net for the goal after collecting the puck off a deflected shot by her classmate Jen Friedman. This was Bacon's sixth goal and 11th point of the year.

Just four minutes later, at the 8:03 mark, Ashley Cottrell '12 raced toward the BU net on a partial breakaway. Abby Gauthier '12 was close behind to knock the puck in off the rebound, giving the Friars an early 2-0 lead.

"This is our objective every game," stated Head Coach Bob Deraney in reference to coming out strong and obtaining an early lead. "We created a two-goal separation, which has been one of our problems in the past."

Shortly after PC's goal, the Terriers responded with a score of their own on the power play, but with a little over four minutes left in the second period, Gauthier made her presence known once again, scoring a short-handed goal for the Friars. Pick-pocketing a pass from a BU player, Gauthier skated up to the goaltender and managed to put the puck away, giving the Friars a two-goal lead once again. This was PC's sixth short-handed goal of the season. They have only allowed three short-handed goals. In addition, this was Gauthier's fifth goal of the season. The senior leads the team in points with 18 and has the highest conversion rate, .167 percent, scoring five goals on 27 shots.

"I don't really look at that stuff," Gauthier stated. "Coming in as a freshman, I wasn't one of the most talented players, but I've worked really hard."



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Corinne Buie '14 scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal in the Friars' 4-3 victory over seventh-ranked Boston University.

"We are very dangerous when we are short-handed, due to the characteristics of our team, especially our team speed," stated Deraney.

It is clear that PC thrives under pressure and produces on the penalty-kill. "The five start to work less and the penalty-kill team works harder because they are down a person," explained Deraney. He is proud of the hard work the Friars have shown, especially when down a man.

In the third period, BU was able to keep the game close, scoring their second goal. However, the Friars took advantage of the Terriers' mistakes and on a partial breakaway by Nicole

Anderson '13, made their goaltender work. It was Corinne Buie '14 that ultimately utilized the rebound and found the back of the net. This goal, the ultimate game-winner, gave the Friars a 4-2 advantage.

The Terriers were not going down without a fight, though. BU came within one goal with a little over a minute left in the game, but the Friars were able to hold on, upsetting the seventh-ranked team with a 4-3 victory.

On Sunday, the Friars traveled to Walter Brown Arena in Boston to face the Terriers for the second game of the series.

Again, the Friars were the first to put a point up on the board, scoring just five minutes into the game. Gauthier fed the puck to Cottrell, who maneuvered her way to the goaltender and put the puck in the back of the net.

The Friars held the 1-0 advantage until the last few minutes of the third period. The Terriers managed to score two power-play goals with just five minutes left in the game, both scores coming off tips that trickled past Friar goaltender Genevieve Lacasse '12. The game ended with BU on top, 2-1.

"We lost focus," declared Deraney. "On Saturday night, we had 60 minutes of focus; we were engaged and dedicated. On Sunday, we were focused for 55 minutes and 36 seconds."

Lacasse had 59 saves on the weekend for the Friars. The win against BU showed growth and maturity of the Friars team. "Last year, we couldn't beat them," confirmed Deraney. "This year, we could have easily won all three games. We controlled almost every aspect except the face-off."

"They are a very good team and a very good measuring stick of how good we really are," Deraney continued. "But the bottom line in sports is that it is not about coming close, it is about getting it done and we failed to do that two out of the three times. Saturday night showed we have the ability."

"If we get a chance to see them again, I think we will have an even better outcome," Gauthier added. The Friars, coming off of injuries and adjusting to a young squad, have been "gelling really well together. The freshmen needed to step in, and they did a great job doing it," she continued.

The Friars conclude this half of the season with a game Thursday against Harvard at Schneider Arena.

They begin 2012 on January 10 at Fenway Park. The Friars will be featured in this year's Frozen Fenway Tournament, where they will be taking on Dartmouth.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to play on the hallowed grounds of Fenway Park," declared Deraney. "We are very excited and feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to play under the conditions in which hockey began."

Lockout Ends, Season Will Begin Christmas Day

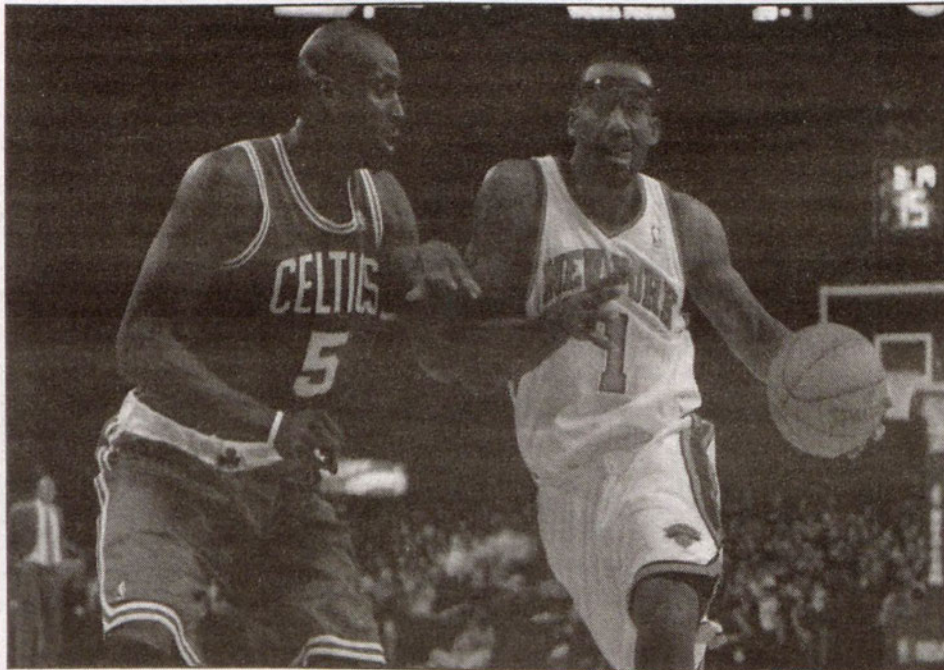
by Jessica Havard '14
Sports Staff

NBA

Something has indeed been missing this winter, and it isn't snow, or even cold weather for that matter. Sports enthusiasts' television schedules have been a little meek this winter due to the NBA lockout. However, on Christmas, that will all change as the season will resume with an exciting slate of games. With the arrival of the New Year comes basketball once again, and bringing with it a new set of negotiations. While the end of the lockout is indeed good news for the many NBA fans that have been unable to watch their favorite teams, eagerly awaiting their return, who really wins with the new deal?

Most important, the new 2011 CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) has an agreement length of 10 years, although each side can opt out in 2017. Hopefully, this agreement will stay true and we won't see another lockout until 2022, but that is being a little optimistic. Most likely, the players will again opt out when given the option in 2017 for renegotiation.

The biggest winner in the negotiation is the owners, whom the



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The Celtics and Knicks face off against one another at noon on Christmas day. Kevin Garnett (left) and Amare Stoudemire are expected to lead their respective teams this season.

revenue split favors. In the 2005 CBA, players were given 57 percent of the BRI (Basketball Related Income). However, in the new negotiations set in 2011, the players have had their BRI reduced to 51.15 percent in 2011-2012, dipping down to 49-

51 percent in following seasons. The players will also lose about 20 percent of their salaries because of the games missed due to the lockout. After losing \$370 million, \$340 million, and \$300 million in the past three seasons, this negotiation

will hugely favor the owners and set the league funding back on track.

The NBA is also becoming fairer with the new CBA's set of negotiations in regards to revenue sharing, and many other financial aspects as well. In 2005, some of the leftover money from the luxury tax was given to the smaller market teams. However, in 2011, the amount of money that is revenue-shared has tripled. This will be a huge help to small-market teams that don't draw in as much revenue as the bigger ones such as the Los Angeles Lakers. Bigger teams will have to share more revenue to give to the smaller teams, helping even out the gap between the big rich teams as opposed to those struggling in the competitive, money-driven league.

While it is evident that the NBA is indeed becoming a power-hungry giant on the side of both the players and the owners, the 2011 CBA is a strong push in the right direction. The new negotiations, in addition to many more related to player salaries, yearly contracts, and the trade market, will allow the NBA to finally start making some smart economic moves that will hopefully be able to keep the players, owners, and loyal fans at peace for at least 10 more years.

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As the start of the NBA season rapidly approaches, which team looks to be the most promising?

Boston Celtics

As a Boston guy, I am going to have to say the Celtics are looking good this year. A lot of skeptics have been biting their nails and looking at Miami and Dallas as the top two teams, and penciling in Boston at the fifth or sixth spot in power rankings, but being an underdog is not something that Boston sports fans are unfamiliar with.

The Celtics have a secret weapon—Doc Rivers. He has already begun working with his staff to organize his team and see where they're going this season. There has been speculation about trades, and I can understand why some fans are getting scared about Rajon Rondo, but he really cannot be traded; he's healthy and ready to play. Doc Rivers also trusts him enough to run the Celtics offense. He has become the team's biggest asset and trading him would not be a good move.

The sooner the Celtics can realize it's not just the "big three" anymore, the better they'll do. Sure Garnett, Pierce, and Allen are all experienced, impact players, but they are getting older and slower. There needs to be some young blood on that court. Get some younger guys, preferably born after 1980. Chris Paul would be a nice addition to the Celtics, but if he wants to play in New York, we'll see how his career goes. Another key to the Celtics' season is the play of unrestricted free agent Jeff Green. Green has the ability to score, and if he is given more playing time, the team will only benefit.

The Christmas day matchup against the Knicks will be just the present Boston fans want. The Celtics will have a high-scoring game, which is just what the team's scorers need to wake up from a long off-season.

—Patrick Shea '14

Miami Heat

LeBron James is planning to release his book; the only problem is that it doesn't have a title. That, folks, is the LeBron choke joke of the day.

Trust me, as a band wagon LeBron hater, I want to say anyone besides the Heat. Looking at what they accomplished in the first year with their new team, how can anyone say otherwise? I can make LeBron jokes all day, but there is no doubt he is the best basketball player in the league right now, and probably has the best supporting cast in Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh. Their only visible concern is depth, but they acknowledged that with the addition of Mike Bibby last year. There is not a team in the league that can match up with that kind of talent.

Yes, last year proved that the best team on paper doesn't always win, but the Heat now have played a whole season with each other, and the shortened season this year will only benefit them further. The Celtics and Mavericks are getting old, and it seems unrealistic that Dirk Nowitzki will carry the whole team all over again. The only team I see giving the Heat pressure is the Lakers, but Kobe Bryant isn't what he used to be. Every other team is either missing a key piece, rebuilding, or too inexperienced.

Soon enough, the tides will turn; the LeBron haters will turn into fans and root for him because of the story appeal. The Heat will win their ring this year, barring any health issues of course. The only ring I want LeBron to get is *suffering*, but I'll give credit where credit is due. To all fellow Knick fans, hang in there, and just pray we get Chris Paul.

—James Kirby '15

DOPE



SHEET

by Bridget Stack '13
Asst. Sports Editor

SPORTS DIGEST

One After Another. There are certain moments during the season that will be remembered years later. This past weekend, the Providence College Men's Hockey Team gave the student body just that. In case you haven't been on Facebook or don't get constant PC sports updates, the Friars defeated the previously undefeated number-one ranked Merrimack on both Friday and Sunday. That is not the only good news for the Friars this week. Not only was goalie Alex Beaudry '12 named Hockey East Co-Defensive Player of the Week, the team was also named Hockey East Co-Team of the Week. This is the sixth Defensive Player of the Week award that Beaudry has received during his career at PC. This is also the second time this season that the Friars have been recognized by Hockey East. Hopefully, things only continue on this path.

Keep Racking 'Em Up. While the PC Men's Ice Hockey team was receiving honors from Hockey East Association, the Men's Basketball team was being recognized in their own right. LaDontae Henton '15 received the honor of Big East Rookie of the Week. In the two games that were played last week, Henton averaged 17.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, and 2.0 assists per game. The last person to win this award was Gerard Coleman '14, who received his own honor this week. Coleman was named to the Big East Honor Roll after averaging 18.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists, and 2.0 steals. Keep it up, boys!

Good All the Way Through. Providence College Athletics are not only good on the field or court, but are also doing well in the community; the Friars have participated in over 1,000 hours of community service so

far this year. Organizations such as the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resources Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Clubs of Rhode Island, and the Special Olympics have been affected by the Friars' dedication to helping others. Most individual teams have hosted events to raise money and awareness for the organizations they choose. These are examples of just how dedicated the Friar community is to helping others.

Ever expanding. The Big East welcomes five new schools to the conference. Boise State, San Diego St., Southern Methodist University, Central Florida, and Houston are all joining the prestigious conference. Houston, SMU, and Central Florida are joining the conference for all sports, replacing the soon-departing Syracuse, Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Boise State and San Diego State are joining solely for football.

On-Campus Game to Catch. The Men's Basketball Team is hosting Bryant University on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m. The Friars are coming off a victory over Brown, and with two players on the team being recognized by the Big East, they are looking to conquer our cross-state rivals. Go Friars!

Off-Campus Game to Catch. The Women's Basketball Team is traveling to the University of Massachusetts on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The Lady Friars are looking to rebound from their recent loss to Brown. You got this, girls!

Tip of the Cap. It is no surprise that this week's Tip of the Cap is not going to an individual player, but instead a whole team. The Providence College Men's Hockey Team has done something that has not been done for a while—they defeated the number-one team in the nation not once, but twice. The campus was alight from the news of victory, and *The Cowl* was not excluded. Good job, boys!

Track Teams Compete in Fordham Opener in NY

by Patrick Shea '14
Sports Staff

TRACK

The Providence College Men's and Women's Track Teams had an incredibly busy two days this past Friday and Saturday, competing in two important meets.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the team traveled to Fordham University in New York City. The Friars had a great showing, as New York native Caitlin Abelseth '15 made her collegiate debut in her home state with a time of 1:01.7 in the 400-meter event to take second place. In the mile event, Elizabeth DeVivo '14 placed third with a time of 5:29.5.

The men's team did just as well. Francis Hernandez '14 led the charge and took top honors in the mile event with a time of 4:21.4. Following just 2.7 seconds behind was Corey Brunelle '12 with a time of 4:24.1. Nik Andrews '14 had a great showing at the meet as well, placing second in the 200-meter in 23.1 seconds, as did Nik Rebovich '13, who found success in his home state, placing second in the 800-meter event with a time of 1:57.8. Chris Booker '14 finished with a time of 2:00.0.



Julian Matthews '12 placed 12th at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Friars went across town to Thayer Street to compete in the Alden Invitational at Brown University. The women's team came out strong, as Samantha Roecker '13 took first place in the 3,000-meter with a time of 10:06.15. The next runner to cross the finish line was more than 36 seconds behind her. Mary Kate Champagne '12 placed second in the mile event with a time of 5:08.30 and Devyn

Pryor '15 took second place in the 1,000-meter event in a time of 3:02.84.

The men's track team had two athletes who took first place in their events. Rebovich continued having a solid week, dominating the 1,000-meter event with a time of 2:37.34. Brunelle had an astounding performance as well, leading the Friars to take the top four places in the 3,000-meter event. Liam Hillery '15 took second place in 8:30.20, followed by Francis Hernandez '14, who grabbed third, clocking in at 8:31.17. In the men's

4x400 relay team, the Friars' Andrews, Chris Booker '14, Matt Conti '14, and Rebovich took third, finishing in 3:27.11.

When asked about the weekend's meets, Booker said, "I think the team competed very well in their respective events. Coach Treacy and Coach Myles both do a really good job getting us ready to compete at a high level each and every meet. It was challenging competing in two meets in two days, but we have a solid group of leaders that guide the team down the right path."

Booker competed with the team all last season as a freshman, and now, as only a sophomore, he acknowledged, "We are a young team, but coach is counting on us to perform at a high level, and this past weekend showed that we have what it takes to compete at a championship level. We just have to live everyday by the three H's—hungry, humble, and healthy—and everything else will take care of itself."

The men's and women's teams can now catch their breath until their season begins next semester. The women's track team will compete next on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the University of Rhode Island's Little Rhody Invitational. The men's team will compete on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Greater Boston Invitational.

Friars Sweep Top-Ranked Merrimack

by Alexis Smith '12
Sports Staff

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team ended an epic weekend after beating number-one Merrimack two games in a row.

Friday's game at Schneider Arena was a real nail-biter as Ross Mauermann '15 won the game when he scored only 1:54 into overtime to lift the Friars to a 2-1 victory over the previously unbeaten Merrimack team in front of a crowd of 2,381 fans. The victory was the first for the Friars against a number-one ranked team since January 3, 2003, when they beat top-ranked Maine.

Mauermann's goal came after a Merrimack turnover in their own end. Mauermann was right in front to tap the puck into the net, though, giving the Friars their first overtime win since Feb. 9, 2008.

After the first 20 minutes of play, the score remained tied at zero, as Merrimack outshot the Friars 13-10 in the first period. The Friars were first on the scoreboard when they grabbed the lead at the 15:38 mark of the second period while skating shorthanded. Andy Balysky '12 buried the puck over the shoulder of Cannata. The assists were credited to Derek Army '14 and Harvey. It marked the fifth short-handed goal that the Friars have scored this season.

The Warriors tied up the score at 9:01 in the third period on a power-play goal from Jesse Todd who ripped a one-timer from the slot past Beaudry. Neither team scored the rest of the third period, causing the game to go into overtime.

Saturday night, the Friars erupted with four power-play goals in the second period at Lawler Arena. With the victory, the Friars completed the weekend sweep of the top-ranked Warriors. The Friars earned their first Hockey East road win since Oct. 31, 2009. This also marked PC's first win at Lawler Arena since March 3, 2007.

"It felt good to win on the road," said Head Coach Nate Leaman. "We showed mental toughness to win it and a lot of discipline."

The first period ended in a scoreless tie. However, the Friars took advantage of a five-minute power play early in the second period, scoring three power-play goals on the man advantage. Drew Brown '15 was able to lift the puck into the net after a scramble in front, giving the Friars a one-point lead at the 1:05 mark. Matt Bergland '12 assisted on the goal. Brown didn't end there, as he struck again for his fourth goal of the season at the 4:32 mark. Assists went to Bergland and Tim Schaller '13.

"It felt great to get the team going [with the first two goals of the game] on the power-play," said Brown. "It was just a really good feeling to go out there and get the team going again."

Shaller capped off the five-minute power play with his ninth goal of the season at the 5:10 mark giving the



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The Friars defeated the nation's number one team at Schneider Arena in front of a crowd of 2,381 fans.

Friars a 3-0 lead. Late in the period, PC had a two-man advantage as Merrimack took more penalty minutes, and Myles Harvey '13 ripped a one-timer past their goalie Joe Cannata at the 18:49 mark. Merrimack finally got on the board at the 3:01 mark of the third period as Connor Toomey scored from the slot, marking his fourth goal of the season.

The Friars put the game away at the 12:09 mark when Chris Rooney '13 scored his second goal of the season to extend PC's lead to 5-1. It

didn't end there, though, as Bergland capped off the scoring at 14:59 with the fifth power-play goal of the night.

"Winning our first away game was kind of like getting a monkey off our back," said Brown. "I don't think it was really thought about going into the game, but it is really nice to get going on the road."

Line-mates Bergland, Brown, and Schaller combined for 10 points. In goal, Alex Beaudry '12 made 23 saves for the Friars, who finished with an impressive 43-24 advantage in shots.

Don't Forget the Ladies!

by Julia Claudy '13
Sports Staff

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

With the Men's Ice Hockey Team earning a national ranking after defeating top-ranked Merrimack University both home and on the road, PC students have been buzzing about the male team's success. But what about the ladies?

The Women's Ice Hockey Team has also impressed the Hockey East Conference with big wins this season. This is no small feat, considering that Hockey East is arguably the most competitive conference in the country. Most recently, the Friars recorded a huge upset against seventh-ranked Boston University last Saturday at Schneider Arena. Outstanding senior Laura Veharanta commented on the success of the team this season, saying, "Our win on Saturday was really big for us. They were the first ranked opponent we've beaten all season. Since it was a league game, it put us in a better position for the Hockey East tournament."

At the moment, the women's team is positioned third in the Hockey East standing, only behind Boston College and Northeastern University. The team will soon face challenging games that can make or break the rest of their season. Although Veharanta admits that the team has "started out a little slower than last season," they have picked up momentum that will hopefully bring them wins in their upcoming games against the two aforementioned schools, as well as the University of Maine.

The team's chemistry on the ice has definitely contributed to its success, and the focus of each player is necessary to defeat big rivals. Veharanta's personal preparation for each game includes "going over the scouting report and focusing on what I need to do as an individual to help my team be successful." With the leadership of seniors like Veharanta, the team has developed an attitude of confidence that will carry them a long way. With their momentum increasing, the team hopes to bag more victories against ranked teams this season.

COOLEY: PC Wins Big

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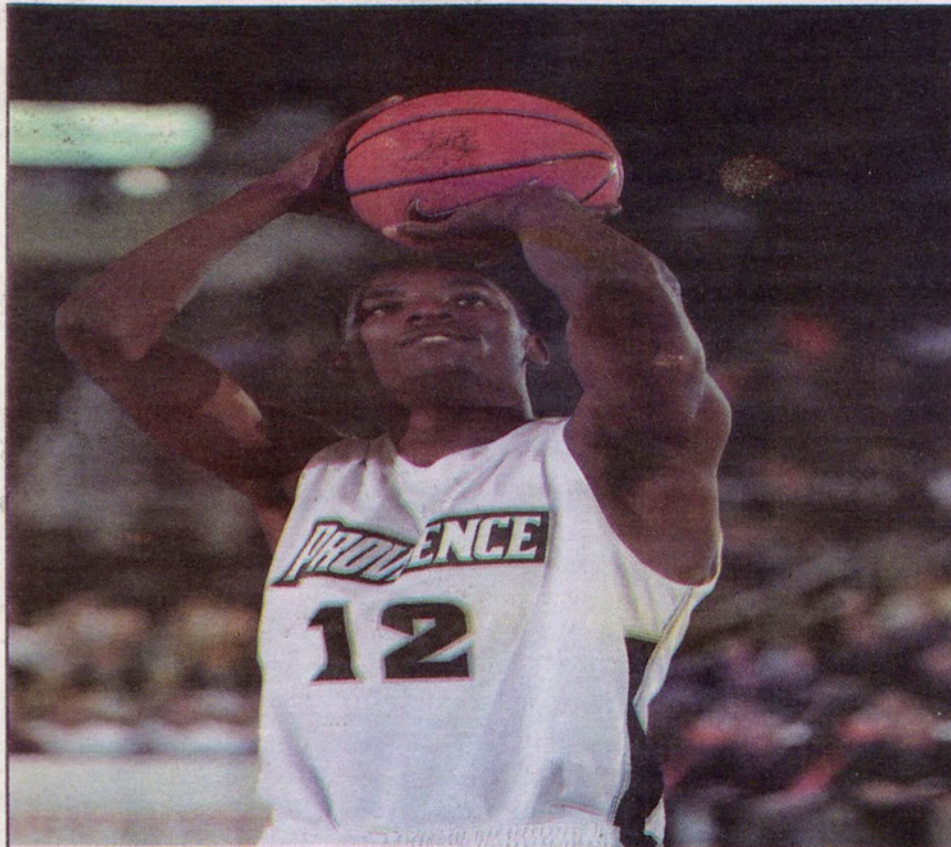
plan was to speed them up," said Council. "We knew that if we pushed the ball, we could get easy buckets."

When asked about Council's play in the first nine games, Cooley said, "He's playing at such a high level." There was never a doubt as the Friars defense paved the way for easy points at the other end. "I'm very proud of our team defense today," said Cooley afterwards.

Before the game, Cooley learned his first-year guard, Kiwi Gardner '15, had officially been ruled ineligible for the whole season after the Friars used two appeals to try and get him in uniform.

"My heart goes out to him," said Cooley, who will now have to live with Council playing nearly 40 minutes a night. "All I know is he's not going to be in the uniform that we desperately need. This forces Cotton to play the point at times, which he is not accustomed to." Cooley did say that Gardner will be back next semester and could be a "partial qualifier" next season, but he has to read into it more.

Cooley and his staff have now played Henton, Council, Coleman, and Cotton for roughly 40 minutes in each of the last few games, but one can only wonder how much longer they can keep this up. If this summer's workout sessions weren't important a few weeks ago, they are now.



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Gerard Coleman '14, who averaged 18 points, six rebounds, five assists, and two steals this past week, was named to the Big East Honor Roll.

Got a Minute?

Alexis Smith '12 catches up with Justin Gates '12 of the Men's Hockey Team.



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Spiders

Sport You are Bad At:
Does chess count?

Last Book You Read:
The Talent Code

Favorite Superhero:
The Flash

Pet Peeve:

Waiting for Alex Beaudry

Favorite M&M Flavor:

Peanut Butter

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This Week: Best Bowl Games this Year

10. Champs Sports Bowl (Florida State vs. Notre Dame): Both ranked in the nation's top 20 at the beginning of the season, but have disappointed this season. Prediction: Notre Dame.

9. TicketCity Bowl (Houston vs. Penn State): Penn State had a very good year, despite all the off-field controversy, and Houston would have been in a BCS bowl if it weren't for a loss in the Conference U.S.A. championship game. Prediction: Penn State.

8. Capital One Bowl (Nebraska vs. South Carolina): South Carolina is ranked as the ninth-best team in the nation, thanks in large part to its fourth-ranked defense. Nebraska is no slouch either. Prediction: South Carolina.

7. Allstate Sugar Bowl (Michigan vs. Virginia Tech): The two quarterbacks, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Virginia Tech's David Wilson, will undoubtedly make this game an exciting one. Prediction: Virginia Tech.

6. AT&T Cotton Bowl (Kansas State vs. Arkansas): These two teams are both very good, but I don't think the Kansas State defense will be able to slow down the Arkansas offense. Prediction: Arkansas.

5. Outback Bowl (Michigan State vs. Georgia): Each of these two teams lost in its conference championship game, but had great seasons nonetheless. Prediction: Georgia.

4. Discover Orange Bowl (West Virginia vs. Clemson): Clemson, who boasts some of the most explosive offensive players in the country, had one of the best seasons in school history, and will make its first Orange Bowl Appearance since 1981. Prediction: Clemson.

3. Rose Bowl Game Presented by Vizio (Wisconsin vs. Oregon): The Rose Bowl is always one of the most exciting bowl games, and this year will be no exception. Two of the nation's best offenses, as well as two of the best running backs, will be on display in this one. Prediction: Oregon.

2. Tostitos Fiesta Bowl (Stanford vs. Oklahoma State): Andrew Luck of Stanford and Brandon Weeden of Oklahoma State are two of the nation's best quarterbacks. Aside from Alabama and LSU, these are probably the two mostly evenly matched teams. Prediction: Oklahoma State.

1. Allstate BCS Championship Game (Alabama vs. LSU): Nobody likes a rematch, but this game is different. On November 5, LSU barely snuck past Alabama in a 9-6 overtime victory. Expect an even more exciting game this time. Prediction: LSU.



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Jordan Jefferson and the LSU Tigers defeated Alabama by only three points in overtime earlier this season. They face off once again in the national championship game on January 9.

Lady Friars Prepare for UMass-Amherst

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Providence College Women's Basketball Team entered last week's Brown Bear Classic on a tear, ripping off three straight wins. However, the fire was doused slightly as the Friars split their two games at the Classic, beating up on the Fairfield Stags in the first contest before dropping a close game against cross-town rival, Brown. The 1-1 record at the event brings the Friars' overall record to 4-4.

The Friars shined in their first game at the Brown Bear Classic against Fairfield, terrorizing the Stags en route to a 75-43, blowout win. The first half did not start explosively for the Friars, though, as they trailed 20-14 with just under seven minutes left in the half. PC responded to this adversity well, and proceeded to score 11 unanswered points to jump out to a 25-20 lead.

Fairfield hit a short baseline jumper to try to slow down the Friars, but PC was playing near perfect basketball to end the half and continued their torrid pace en route to a 37-26 halftime lead. Since the 6:45 mark in the first half, the Friars went on a 23-6 run, giving them a comfortable lead heading into the locker room. Teya Wright '12, a senior star, carried the Friars during this run, pumping in 12 of her career-high 25 points during it. She finished the half with 16 points total, hauling down eight of her 12 rebounds in the opening half.

PC kept their foot on the pedal, cruising to a 53-34 lead going into the 12-minute media timeout. The Friars had outscored Fairfield 16-6 and were relentless after this mark, finishing off the Stags with a 22-9 scoring run to end



COURTESY OF THE COWL

Lola Wells '12 and the Friars blew out Fairfield in the Brown Bear Classic in Providence last week.

the game. Wright's double-double was her fifth this season. Rachel Barnes '12 and Brianna Edwards '13 also pumped in 10 points each, with Danielle Pearson '14 directing the game well, leading PC with four assists.

The win against the Stags marked the Friars' fourth straight win, and momentarily gave them a winning

record on the season at 4-3, after starting the season sluggishly with three losses.

However, the Friars' win streak came to a crashing halt the next day against the Brown Bears, as the Friars fell, 70-57. The game followed a similar script as the contest against Fairfield, but the script was flipped on PC. Brown controlled the first eight

minutes, grabbing an early 20-13 lead. But the Bears would catch fire, closing the half on a 16-0 run to claw their way to a 36-13 lead. Sheila Dixon shot at a feverish pace, drilling six of her last nine shots of the half, scoring 16 of the Bears' 36 first half points.

PC would not quit, though, despite the devastating run by the Bears. PC opened the half on a 13-0 run, chopping the lead and bringing the Friars within 10 points, at 36-26, with 15:26 left in the half. PC would whittle the lead only a little more, knocking it down a point to a 43-34 advantage for Brown, but that was as close as the Friars could get. The Bears maintained their distance, leading to the 70-57 loss for PC.

Wright continued her terrific play, collecting her sixth double-double of the season with 14 points and a season-high 17 rebounds. Wright averaged 19.5 points and 14.5 rebounds per game during the tournament. Alicia Cropper '14 chipped in with a team-high 16 points. Also in the double figures club was Symone Roberts '13, who added 11 points. Pearson cleaned the glass with a career-high nine rebounds and recorded three assists. PC took home an impressive rebounding margin on the Bears, hauling down 43 to the Bears' 24, including an impressive 22 offensive rebounds.

After the Classic, the Friars' record stands at 4-4. PC will face their first Big East opponent of the year this Wednesday at 1 p.m. against Villanova, at Mullaney Gymnasium in Alumni Hall. The Friars will have little recovery time, as they will travel to UMass-Amherst for a contest against the Minutemen on December 9.



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Future Looks Bright for Men's Hockey Program

Nate Leaman has the Friars Ranked 20th in the Country After Two Big Weekend Wins

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MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The Providence Men's Ice Hockey Team entered the weekend in an 0-3 slump that had many people questioning whether their hot start had fizzled out. With a home-and-home series against undefeated, number one Merrimack looming, it did not look as if the Friars would be getting back on the winning end any time soon. But as the old adage goes, "That's why they play the games."

On Friday, in front of a crowd of over 2,000, the Friars played easily, their most exciting game of the season, which was probably their most complete one as well. They took perfect angles to the puck all night long and neutralized the speed of Merrimack. Their solid defense limited a star-studded offense to one goal on 27 shots, and the Friars beat the lightning-quick glove of Merrimack goalie Joe Cannata twice en route to their 2-1 overtime victory.

Saturday, the Friars' success came on the power play, and Merrimack gave them ample opportunities, racking up 72 penalty minutes. PC scored on a total of five of the 14 ensuing power plays and tacked on an even-strength goal for a 6-1 victory. The losses dropped Merrimack to number five in the uscho.com poll, and for PC, the two statement wins are indicative of a resurgent team.

The architect of this surge has been first year Head Coach Nate Leaman. In April, Leaman began his rebuilding effort at PC after eight seasons spent



JESSICA HO '14/THE COWL

The Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team is having a great 2011-12 campaign includes two Hockey East wins this past weekend.

taking Union College from an ECAC afterthought to a national contender, earning an NCAA Tournament berth last season. At PC, Leaman has his work cut out for him, inheriting a team that has not had a winning season in five years and has only one player who had scored more than 10 collegiate goals. Leaman has been giving that phase its due attention on a team many figured to score few goals. He began by challenging previously hot-and-cold goaltender Alex Beaudry '12, by declaring it "an open battle" for the starting job. Not anymore, though. With a .901 save percentage in 14 games, Beaudry has locked up the top spot.

"Our focus has been to improve every day, be accountable to our teammates, and excel in everything we do," said Leaman. They have certainly improved. Less than halfway through the season, the Friars' eight wins have already matched their total from last year. On offense, they average 3.3 goals a game, up from 2.2 the year before. On special teams, the Friars have recorded an 86 percent penalty kill and have nearly doubled their power-play percentage from 10.1 percent last year to 20 percent so far this season.

The most noted improvement has been on defense, which is key in a conference with the offensive fire power of Hockey East. "I anticipate a lot of

close games in our second half of the season, and if you cannot play great team defense, you will never have the puck to score," Leaman explained.

The focus has paid off. Against Hockey East opponents, PC ranks at, or near, the top in every defensive category. They are first on the penalty kill, second in goals allowed, tied for first in shorthanded goals scored, and third in scoring defense. On a team with few returning goal-scorers, the Friars have gotten their offense from some unexpected places. Tim Schaller '13 and Ross Mauermann '15 lead the Friars with 13 points apiece.

Mauermann plays both center and left wing, tallying points regardless of his place on the ice. He is currently leading all Hockey East freshmen in points. Schaller, with only seven career goals entering the season, has already recorded nine, and was named Hockey East Player of the Month for November; the first time a Friar has received the honor since 2005. Schaller is also tied for second in the nation in both power-play and shorthanded goals scored. The Friars have eight players averaging over a point per game, including three first-year players.

The Friars have 17 points on the season and are tied for fourth in the Hockey East standings. They have an impressive home record of 7-2-1, and one of the tougher schedules to date, including five games against teams currently ranked in the top 15. Ranked 20th in the most recent uscho.com poll, the Friars have stepped on to the national stage, and the hope is that this is the first sign of a long term return to prominence.

Men's Hoops Wins, But Kiwi Ruled Ineligible

by Danny McNamara '13
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Providence was able to give the Big East its first point over the SEC in this year's Big East/SEC Challenge, upending South Carolina at the Colonial Life Center in Columbia, S.C., by a final score of 76-67. The Friars held the Gamecocks to just 30.8 percent from the field in the first half. Once again, Vincent Council '13 was the catalyst of the Friar offense, finishing the game with 16 points and six assists.

Council's emergence this season has not come as a surprise to many in Friartown. Thus far, it has been LaDontae "Buckets" Henton '15 who is scoring on a very high level his first year playing college ball. South Carolina could not find an answer for Henton, as he finished with 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Friars had a 14-4 run highlighted late in the second half by a four-point play by Bryce Cotton '14, to gain control of the game. Head Coach Ed Cooley had five players finish in double figures, one of whom was Cotton. He netted 13 points and dished out four assists in 39 minutes of play. Additionally, Bilal Dixon '13 finished with 10 points, seven rebounds, and an astounding seven blocks. He was able to control the paint during the 22 minutes of action he saw.

The Gamecocks went on a 7-0 run with just two minutes left to play,

cutting the Friars' lead to 65-58 but the Friars were able to hold on.

On Monday night, the Friars returned home to battle Brown. The Bears were coming off a huge win against Rhode Island. "When URI lost to Brown, that was a wake-up call for us in practice," said Council. The Friars were ready for the 7 p.m. tip-off as they ran past the Bears, 80-49.

The Friars forced eight turnovers and had six blocks in the first half, and they limited Brown to a 21.9 percent shooting in the first half. Henton, fresh off his Big East Rookie of the Week Award, finished with 19 points and nine rebounds that had the crowd yelling for "Buckets" on every possession. When asked about the play of his only recruit, Cooley said he "put Twinkies down and picked up Slimfast." Henton lost 20 pounds over the summer.

Council got the Friars off to a 15-2 start, and they never looked back. They never trailed, and Council almost outscored the Bears single-handedly in the first half as he dropped 15 points compared to Brown's 19, giving his team a 15 point lead at halftime. Council came only one rebound shy of a triple-double, finishing with 21 points, nine rebounds, and 11 assists. Cotton finished with 19 points as well on 6-13 shooting and a sweet 4-8 from behind the arc.

The Friars shot 53.1 percent in the second half, as Brown could not slow down the fast-paced game Cooley had hoped for. "The game

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Santa Cooley has been giving Friar fans a lot of joy this holiday season, recently leading his team past both South Carolina and Brown.